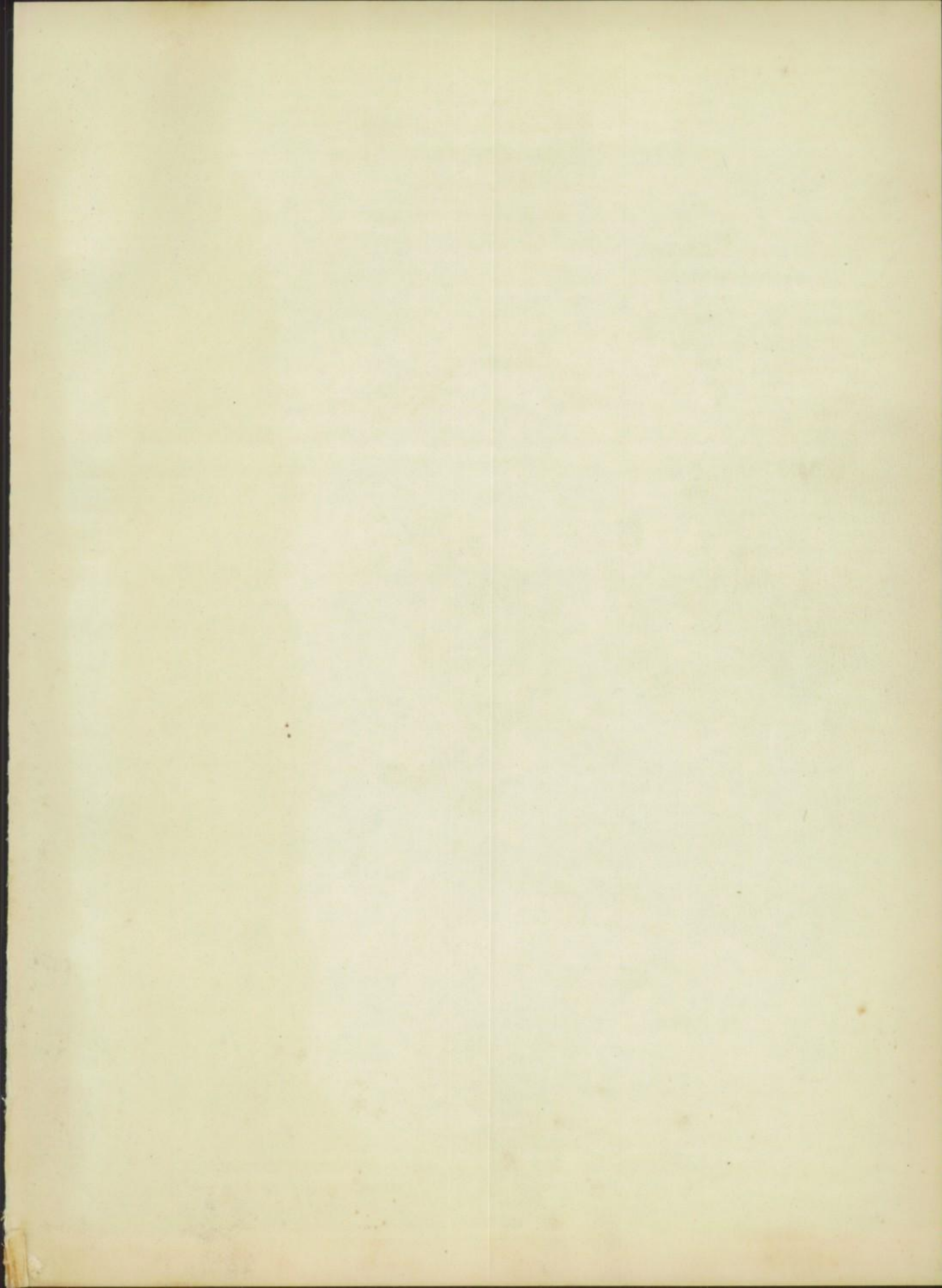
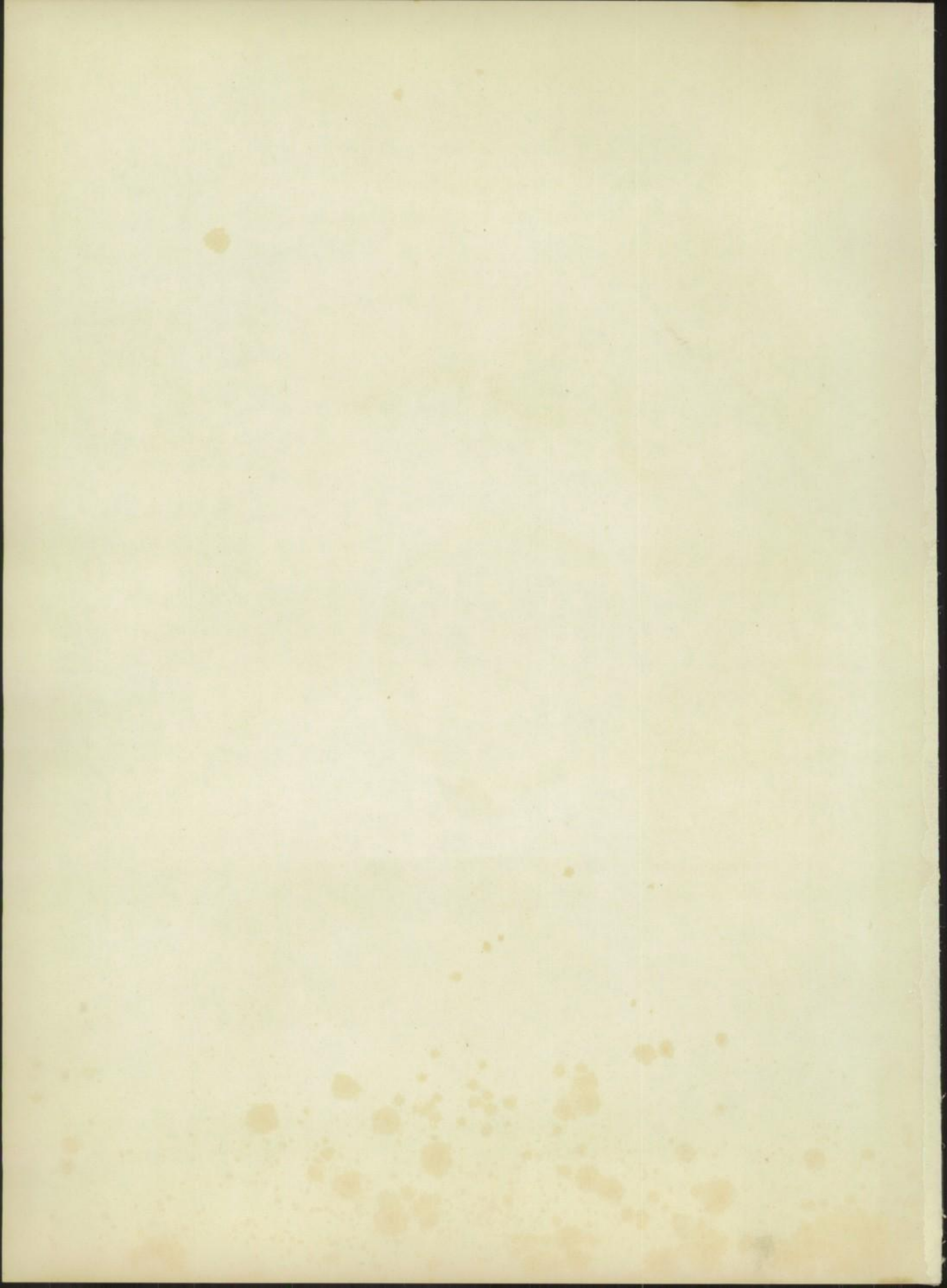


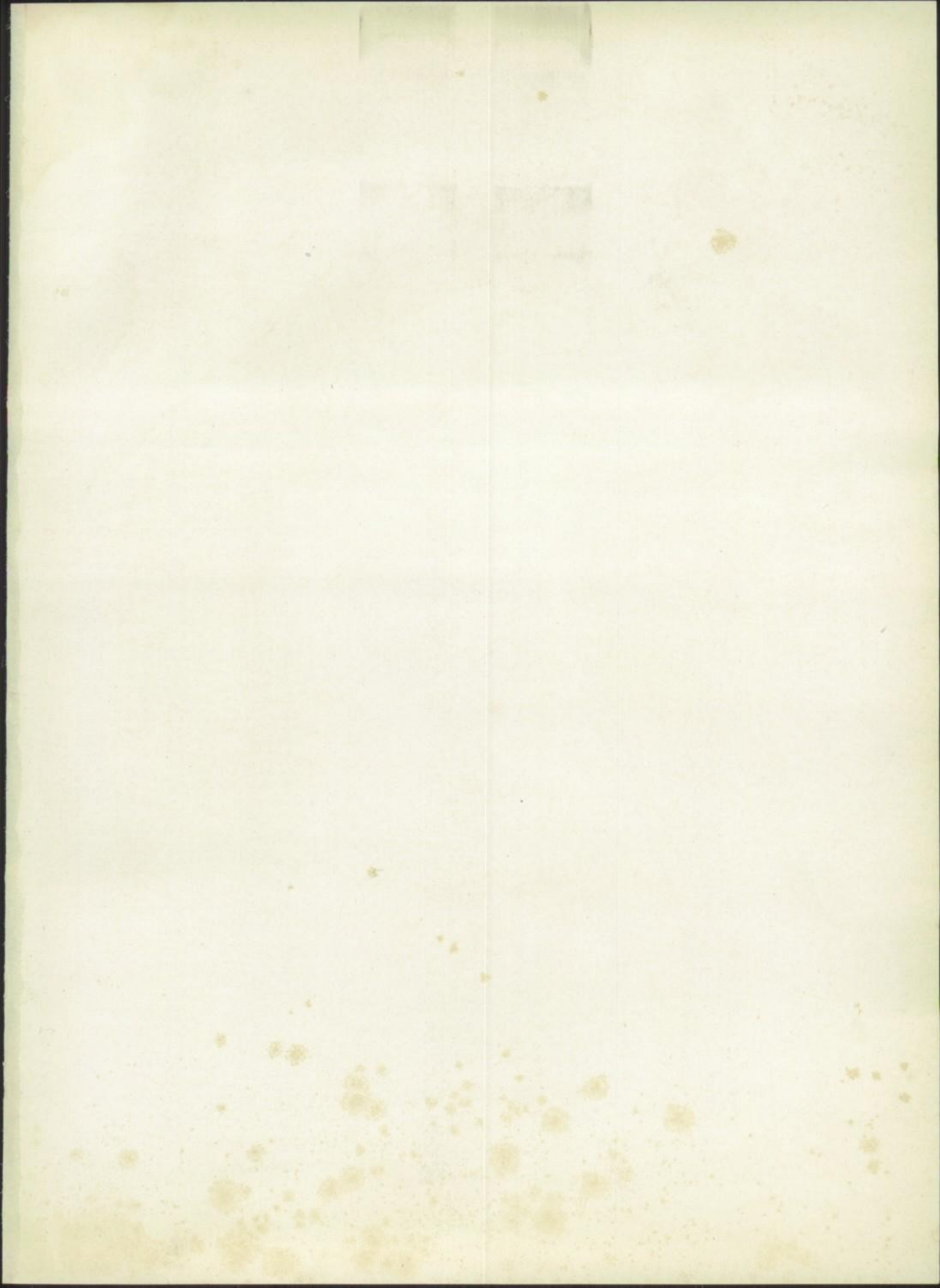
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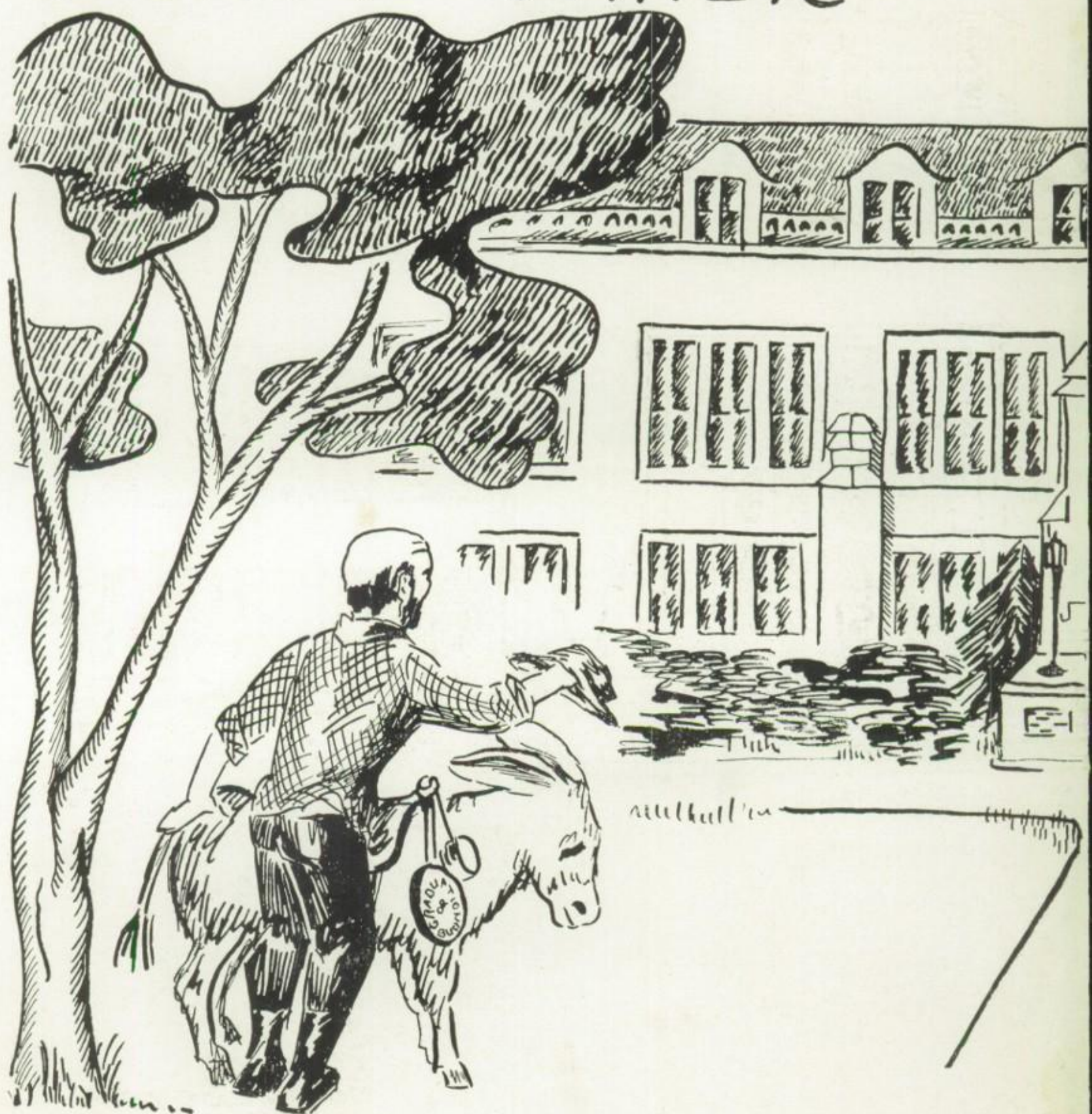


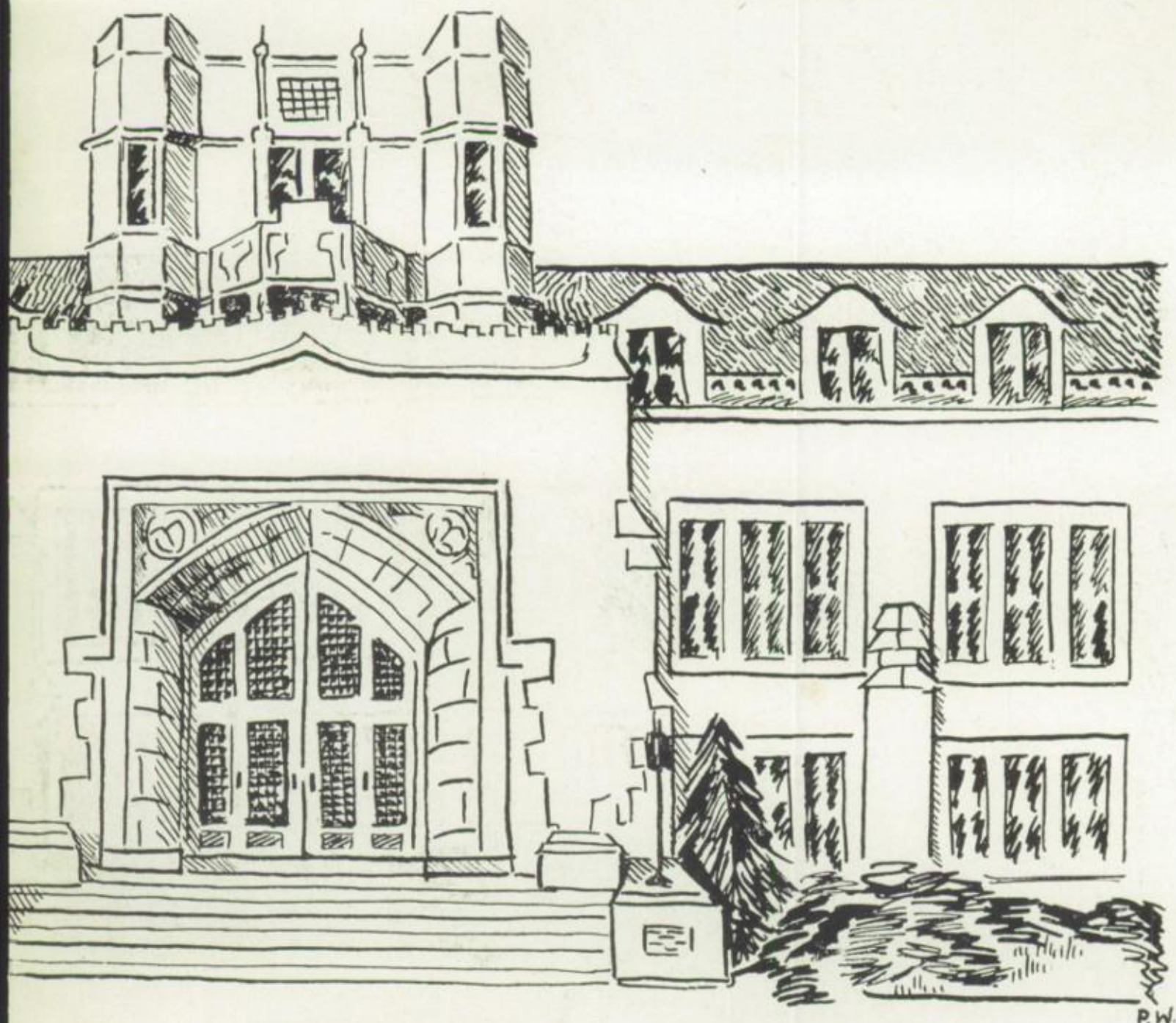


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The students must not be forgotten for their part in the production of this book. Many thanks to those who did a splendid job writing the book, the typing II class for taking valuable class time to type our articles, and to all those who helped make the yearbook circus a success.

THE EDITORS

For many of us four of our best years are coming to a close. We are faced with a road in which there are many forks, each one leading somewhere far from all the rest. The time has now come for us to consider the path we wish to take. Some of us may choose to take a job; others will go on to a college or university for further study.

A century has passed since our forefathers travelled westward in quest of gold. Today we find a picture quite different from that which existed then. We are now living in the hustle and bustle of a mechanized world, we dress differently, and we have many new inventions which lighten our work. Regardless of outward appearances, however, the fundamental things are still very much the same. Dreams are born, plans are formulated, and ambitions are achieved.

The dreams and achievements of the forty-niners of 1849 are now history. In this book we present a record of the dreams and achievements of the forty-niners of 1949. The events of these last years are very important to all of us. It is the hope of the editors that, as the events of a century ago are long remembered, some of the important events herein may be treasured in the memories of those who read them.

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Administration

OUR PRINCIPAL



Since 1932, Mr. Bernard J. Frazer has capably handled his position as principal of Dixon High School.

After graduating from high school in Shelbyville, Illinois, Mr. Frazer attended a business college there. He received his advanced training at Illinois College at Jacksonville, from which he was graduated with a B.A. degree, and at the University of Wisconsin, where he received an M.A. degree.

When Mr. Frazer was in school, he enjoyed many sports, including football, basketball, track, boxing, and tennis. In college, Mr. Frazer served as editor of his college newspaper, was active in the dramatic club, and participated in debating.

Before coming to Dixon, Mr. Frazer received a wide background of experience which qualified him for the position of guiding pupils of a high school. He served in the Artillery Division during World War I, taught in a country school, and worked in the office of the Secretary of State.

Two of Mr. Frazer's many hobbies are reading good books and conversing with interesting people. For sports he enjoys swimming and hiking. All of us will remember Mr. Frazer for the kind assistance and good advice he gave to us during our high school days.

OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent of the Dixon Public Schools is Mr. Allen H. Lancaster, whose office is located in the Dixon High School.

Born in Ridgely, Illinois, Mr. Lancaster attended school at Vermilion Grove, Illinois. He received his advance education at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with a B.S. degree. Later, he was awarded his Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin.

In 1921 Mr. Lancaster began his career in Dixon. For eight years he was Principal of the South Side High School. When the south side and north side schools merged, he became principal of Dixon High School. In 1932 he acquired his present position as superintendent of Dixon Public Schools.

Always taking an enthusiastic part in activities and showing interest in everything the students undertake, this versatile man has supervised very well the activities in Dixon High and the other public schools in Dixon. The students in the Dixon schools are truly grateful for his understanding guidance.



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Maintenance Men and Office Girls

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Though our maintenance men do not draw much public attention, they are an important factor of D.H.S. They are always willing to open someone's locker, help find a lost boot, or do any of the numerous odd jobs that come up day by day.

Vincent Bremer, better known as Benny, has charge of the entire first floor. He came to D.H.S. in 1936 and has been here ever since, except for a "short vacation" in the army during the war.

In charge of the second floor is Mr. Bates. He has been here about seven years. His friendliness and easy smile have made him very popular with the students.

Heating our school is quite a job, but Mr. Paul Beauseigneur takes care of that task very well, for he has charge of the boiler room.

Kenneth Carroll, the fourth man on our maintenance staff, is not very well known, for he is new this year. However, he helps the other men keep our building neat and clean for us.

Visitors to our school are often surprised when told how old the building is. Credit for its fine, clean appearance is largely due to this very efficient maintenance staff.

OFFICE GIRLS

"Was it due to illness?"—"What periods were you absent?" These questions are repeated many times a day by Miss Erda Glessner, Mr. Frazer's secretary. Miss Glessner takes care of making out admits, checking attendance, and handling Mr. Frazer's correspondence. She became a member of the office staff in 1947 and has become very efficient in her work.

Mrs. Stella Grobe, who, with Miss Glessner, graduated from D.H.S. in 1931, has been working in the office since 1932. As Mr. Lancaster's secretary, she handles the supplies for all schools and business correspondence for the superintendent's office.

Beulah Reigle, graduated from D.H.S. in 1947, is the newest addition to the office staff. She has no specific task, but is just a general "handy girl". From the reports of Miss Glessner and Mrs. Grobe, Beulah is a very helpful addition to the office.

These office girls have shown much thoughtfulness and consideration to us. The entire student body is very grateful for their smiling good nature in supplying help whenever it is needed.



The Forty-Niners

To the class of '49 it hardly seems possible that it was four years ago that we first crossed the threshold of Dixon High. We had many fears to overcome and many things to learn. However, it was not long before we had mastered the intricate and necessary rules that we have adhered to (most of the time) since we were "green".

We were soon caught up in the whirl of activities that have given us the chance of gaining knowledge outside of academic studies. We joined such organizations as Latin Club, Spanish Club, Home Ec Club, and Ag Club. Together we elected class officers: Don Memler, president; Jim McLean, vice-president; and Jim Slagle, secretary-treasurer.

Athletics held a prominent place during our first two years. Boys earning football letters their sophomore year included Jim Phelps, Jim Pieschel, Henry Woodyatt, Stanley Fish, Steve Christ, Frank Hoyle, Lorenzo Contreras, Ken Church, Arden Strub, Dave Lahey, Fred Reinert, Gerald Vaile, and Dean McMillion. Some of the soph basketball lettermen were Jim Pieschel, Chuck Elliott, Jim Phelps, and Stanley Fish.

The girls became members of the G.A.A. while freshmen and sophomores. Three girls active in this group were Jackie Rybick, Jean Rogers, and Bonnie Jenkins.

For officers of our second year in D. H. S. we chose Stanley Fish as president; Margery Diehl, vice-president; and Jim Hinkle, secretary-treasurer.

Several assemblies brought out talent in the class of '49. Examples would be the singing voices of Marilyn Cooper and Joan Dwyre, the tap steps of Joanne Cleary, and the piano solos of Pat Plumb.

In the fall of 1947 we became lower upperclassmen. To lead our class through this school year we elected Pat Wagner, Wendell Mathews, and Jim Hinkle as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Positions on the Dixini were opened to us as juniors,

and those appointed to staff positions included Jim Gannon, managing editor; Marianne Reilly, assistant news editor; Don Memler, assistant copy editor; Joanne Cleary, assistant feature editor; Jim Slagle, assistant sports editor; Pat Wagner, art editor; Margaret Sharkey, assistant advertising manager; Marilyn Reed, exchange editor; and Zoe Ann Baxley, circulation manager.

In football we were represented by Steve Christ, Lorenzo Contreras, Stanley Fish, Dave Lahey, Jim Phelps, and Delmar Wolf—all lettermen. During this season both Fish and Lahey were injured and out of play for several weeks. Forty-niners on the basketball court were Vern Baker, Steve Christ, Chuck Elliott, Stanley Fish, Dave Lahey, Jim Phelps and Jim Pieschel.

Juniors appeared in both productions of the Dramatic Club this school term. "Every Family Has One," by George Batson, brought out the talents of Jim Gannon, Mickey Jewett, Wayne Thomas, Ray Rhoads, Carl Buchner, Don Memler, and Nadine Wolf. In the second play of the year, "Midnight", by Glenn Hughes, return performances were made by Jim Gannon, Mickey Jewett, Nadine Wolf, and Wayne Thomas, with Dorene Slick and Pat Schofield also contributing their acting abilities.

The climax of the year was the prom; we shall never forget that great event.

Seniors . . . UPPER upperclassmen . . . AHHhhh . . . The very thought made us feel good. But we didn't have time to dwell upon the subject, for the rush started—sign this and that for records, meetings, rehearsal, study, game, dance, test tomorrow—Whew!

On the gridiron, Stanley Fish, Frank Hoyle, Frank Nagy, Delmar Wolf, Dave Lahey, Lorenzo Contreras, Jim Phelps, Jim Pieschel, and Chuck Elliott were the seniors helping to bring about an improved season.

The social committee, with seniors Glenna Murphy, Ken Church, Wayne Hummel, Tom Jordan, and Jerry Conroy, sponsored dances after the basketball games this year, with the music provided by the Sophisti-Kats, whose membership included fourth term students Don Memler, Merrill Richards, Harrison McDonald, and Bill Mahan.

Jim Phelps, Dave Lahey, Chuck Elliott, Jim Pieschel, Stanley Fish, Steve Christ, Vern Baker, and Joe Hicks were the senior cagers who helped place Dixon in the third place in the N.C.L.C.

"You Can't Take It With You", a three act comedy by Hart and Kaufman, had nine forty-niners included in its cast. They were Don Memler, Nadine Wolf, Gordon Bennett, Wayne Thomas, Bill Mahan, Shirley Dudman, Jim Hinkle, Harrison McDonald, and Ray Rhoads.

The president of the senior class this past year was Wendell Mathews; vice-president, Frank Nagy; and secretary-treasurer, Jerry Conroy.

The editor-in-chief of the Dixini the last semester was Marianne Reilly, who replaced Jim Gannon. The other editors included seniors Mickey Jewett, news editor; Esther Reynolds, copy editor; Donna Cable, feature editor; Jim Hinkle, sports editor; Jackie Rybick, art editor; and Dorene Slick, advertising editor.

Of course, the events taking place the last few days of school were, to us, historical occasions. The final week of formal attire and the prom, and of blue caps and gowns and baccalaureate and graduation will be a cherished memory. Sometime in the future, when we pause to think of days gone by, our thoughts will return to Dixon High School, the friends we made there, the knowledge and experience that we gained there, and we shall thank all those people connected with Dixon High for showing us solid ground before we started on our path through life.



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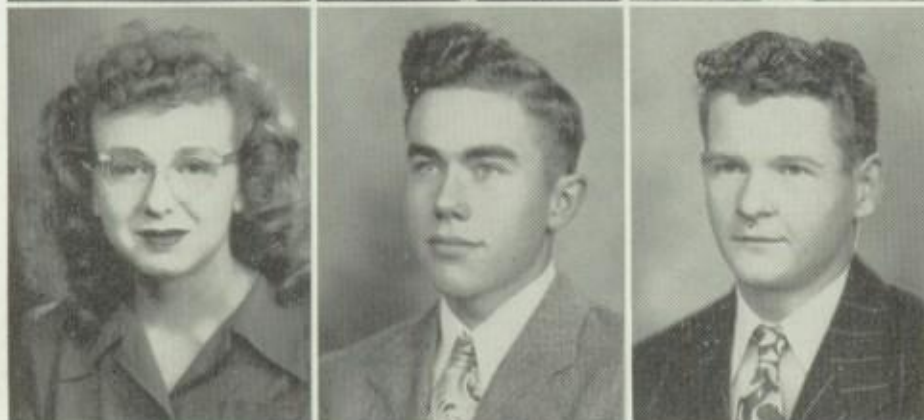




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Spanish Club 3, 4, Foreman High School, Chicago, Ill. 1, 2.

WILLIAM MAHAN
Dramatic Club 3, 4, Staff of Dixini 4, Football 2, Band 4, Chorus 3, 4, Dance Band 3, 4, Operetta 3, Play 4.



MARY MALACH
Home Room Representative 3, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Latin Club 1, 2, Commercial Club 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Dixini 3, 4, Operetta 3, Dixonian 4, Chorus 1, Valedictorian

WENDELL MATHEWS
Vice-President of Junior Class 3, President of Senior Class 4, Home Room Representative 3, 4, Student Council 1, Advertising and Circulation Manager of Dixonian, Latin Club, President 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Pep Club 3, 4, Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Chorus Class President 3, Operetta 3, 4, Oak Street Jr. High School, Burlington, Iowa 1, Valedictorian

DONNA McCARDLE
Home Room Representative 1, Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Spanish Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Orchestra 1, 2, Chorus 3, 4, Dixini 3, 4, Operetta 3, 4, Year book 4.



HARRISON McDONALD
Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Latin Club 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Spanish Club 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Dixini 3, 4, Play 4, Dance Band 3, 4.

BETTY McKENNEY
Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Home Ec. Club 1, 2, Library Club 3, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Operettas 1, 2, Dixini 4.

MARY ANN MEEKS
Home Room Representative 2, Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Quill and Scroll, News Editor of the Dixini 4, Assistant Editor of the Yearbook 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Operetta 3, 4, Chorus 2, 3, 4, Ensemble Chorus 3, 4, F.T.A. 4, Double Mixed Octette 4.



DON MEMLER
Freshman Class President, Home Room President 1, 2, Latin Club 1, (Pres. 2), Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, Sec.-Treas. 4, Football 1, 2, Track 1, 2, Basketball 2, Cross-Country 3, Quill and Scroll 3, 4, Thespians 4, Band 1, President 2, 3, Student Director 4, Chorus 1, 3, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, Dixini Copy Editor 3, 4, Plays 3, 4, Operetta 1, 2, 3, Dance Band 3, 4, Student Announcer 3, 4.

DONNA METZLER
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, Chorus 2, 3, 4, Operetta 2, Dixini 4.

LAUREEN MICKENS
Latin Club 1, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Operetta 2, 3, 4.

JOANNE MILLER
Home Ec. Club 1, Chorus 2, 4.

DAVE MOORE
Commercial Club Treasurer 4, Baseball D, 3, 4,
Social Committee 2.

GLENNA MURPHY
Latin Club 1, 2, Spanish Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club
3, 4, Library 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Quill and Scroll
4, Dixini 3, 4, Social Committee 4, Yearbook 4,
F.T.A. 4.

ROSEMARY MURPHY
G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Latin Club 2, Home Ec. Club 1,
Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Spanish Club 3, 4, Dra-
matic Club 3, 4, Dixini 3, 4, Yearbook 4.

FRANK NAGY
Vice-President of Senior Class, Home Room Rep-
resentative 4, Commercial Club 4, Social Committee
4, Football 3, 4, Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Baseball 2, 3, 4.

BETTY NICKLAUS
Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 4, Home Ec.
Club 2, G.A.A. 1, 2, Chorus 3, 4, Operetta 3, Dixini
4.

FRANCES OTTO
Home Ec. Club Vice-President 1, 2, 3, Fresh-Soph.
Lit. Soc. 2, Commercial Club 4, Dramatic Club 4.

PAUL PARSONS

JIM PHELPS
Latin Club 1, 2, Vice-President 1, Fresh-Soph. Lit.
Soc. 2, Basketball D, 2, 3, 4, Football 1, Letter
2, 3, 4, Baseball 2, 3, 4, Letter 3, Track 2, 3.

JIM PIESCHEL
Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Dra-
matic Club 3, 4, Basketball 1, Letter 2, 3, 4, Foot-
ball 1, 3, Letter 2, 4.

PATRICIA PLUMB
G.A.A. 1, 2, Home Ec. Club 1, Dramatic Club 3, 4,
Latin Club 2, Commercial Club 4, Operetta 2, 3,
Chorus 1, 3, 4, Rochelle High School 1, 2, F.T.A. 4.

GLENN RANSOM
F.F.A. Club 1, 2, Secretary 3, President 4, Com-
mercial Club 3.

MARILYN REED
Latin Club 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Library Club
2, 3, 4, Quill and Scroll 4, Dixini Exchange Editor
3, 4, Chorus 1.

MARIANNE REILLY
Home Room Representative 2, Spanish Club 3, 4,
Vice-President 3 Secretary-Treasurer 4, Dramatic
Club 3, 4, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Latin Club
1, 2, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Letter 1, Quill and Scroll 3, 4,
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 4, Girls' Chorus 3, Ensemble
Chorus 3, 4, Editor Dixini 4, Operetta 1, 2, 3, 4.

ESTHER MAE REYNOLDS
Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Home Ec. Club 3, 4,
Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A.
1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, Quill and Scroll 4, Dixini
Copy Editor 3, 4.

RAY RHOADS
Dramatic Club 3, 4, Spanish Club 2, 3, Commercial
Club 4, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Thespians 4,
Plays 3, 4.

BOB RHODES
F.F.A. 4, Football 1, 2.

MERRILL RICHARDS
Latin Club 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Basketball 1,
Basketball Manager 2, Track 3, 4, Football Manager
4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, Sophisti-Kats.
3, 4, Dixini 3, 4.



**JEAN ROGERS**

Latin Club 1, 2, Literary Society 1, 2, Library Club 2, 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Dixini 3, 4, Chorus 2, Plays 3, 4.

**LIESEL ROSENBERG**

Latin Club 1, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Thespians 4, Dixini 3, 4.

**JACKIE RYBICK**

Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Latin Club 1, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 (Secretary) 4, Letter 3, 4, Chorus 1, 3, 4, Dixini Art Editor 3, 4, Operetta 3, 4.

**PATRICIA SCHOFIELD**

Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Library Club 2, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Spanish Club 3, 4, Commercial 3, 4, Thespians 4, Chorus 3, Plays 3, 4, Dixini 3, 4.

**DELORES SEIBLE**

Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4 Commercial Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 2, 3.

**MARGARET ANN SHARKEY**

Commercial Club 3, 4, Library Club 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Letter 2, 3, 4, Chorus 2, 3, 4, Dixini Advertising Manager 3, 4, Musical 4.

**BARLOW SIGEL**

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3.

**JIM SLAGLE**

Secretary-Treasurer of Freshman Class, Home Room Representative 1, 2, Home Room Vice-President 4, Home Room President 3, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, (President 2,) Dramatic Club 3, 4, Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, (Manager) 3, D. Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Dixini Sports Editor 3, 4, Plays 4.

**DORENE SLICK**

Home Room Representative 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 3, 4, Latin Club 1, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, G.A.A. Letter 3, Plays 3, Chorus 3, 4, Dixini Advertising Manager 3, 4.

**GLORIA SLOTHOWER**

Home Ec. Club 1, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dixini 4.

**LOWELL SMALLWOOD**

Commercial Club 4, Football 4, Harmon High School 1, 2, 3.

**RONALD SMITH**

Latin Club 1, 2, Dramatic Club 4.

**MARILYN SPIELMAN**

Latin Club 1, 2, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Literary Society 1, 2, Dixini 4.

**IRENE STAHL**

Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Literary Society 1, Dixini 4.

**WILFORD STEFFENS**

Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 2, Harmon High School 1.

**PAULINE STIMPSON**

Latin Club 2, 3, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 2, 3, 4, Chorus 1, 4, Dixini 3, 4.

**ARDEN STRUB**

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, Commercial Club 4, Football 1, 2, Basketball 1, 2, Track 1, 2.

**WAYNE THOMAS**

Home Room Representative 3, Home Room President 2, Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Tennis 1, Quill and Scroll 3, 4, Thespians 4, General Activities Committee 3, Chorus 1, 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Operettas 1, 2, Dance Band 3, 4, Dixonian Editor 4, Plays 4, Student Announcer 4.

DOROTHY THOMPSON

Home Room Representative 3, Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 2, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Chorus 4, Dixini 3, 4.

FOSTER THOMPSON

Latin Club 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4.

JERRY VAILE

Football 2, Track 2, Baseball 3.

PAT WAGNER

President of Junior Class, Home Room Representative 1, 3, Home Room President 2, 4, Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, (Secretary-Treasurer) G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, (Sec.-Treas. 2, President 3,) Spanish Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. Letter 1, 3, Quill and Scroll 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4 (Sec.-Treas. 3,) Dixini Art Editor 3, 4, General Activities Committee 3, Social Committee 3, 4, Dixonian Art Editor 4, Operetta 3, 4, Girls' State Award 3, D.A.R. Award Winner 4, Football Queen 4.

ROBERT WALLACE

F.F.A. 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 4, Chorus 1, 2.

MARY ANNE WARNER

Latin Club 2, 3, Dramatic Club 3, Home Ec. Club 4, Commercial Club 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, Chorus 1.

DONNA WELTY

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Spanish Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Dixini 3, 4, Chorus 4, Operetta 4, Social Committee 4, The Immaculata High School 1, 2.

MARJORIE LEE WILLEY

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 4, Home Ec. Club 2.

DELMAR JOHN WOLF

Commercial Club 4, Track 2, 3, 4, Football 3, 4.

NADINE WOLF

Latin Club 1, 2, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, 2, Commercial Club 3, 4, Dramatic Club 3, 4, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Thespians 4, Plays 3, 4, Dixini 4, Chorus 1.

MARY ELLEN WRIGHT

Home Room Representative 2, Home Room Secretary 4, Fresh-Soph. Lit. Soc. 1, G.A.A. 1, 2, Dramatic Club 3, 4, Commercial Club 3, 4, Plays 3, 4, Dixini 4.

NOLA YEAGER

Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4, Chorus 1, 2, 3, Operetta 3.

HOWARD CATON

Since dropping school Howard has taken the Government Educational Development Tests and will receive his diploma in June.

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Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Row 1: L. ADAMS, L. HANSEN, R. EGLER, B. FRERES, B. HOBBS, R. FLOWER, M. JONES.
 Row 2: W. BOWERS, R. BAKER, B. BORT, B. ARMSTRONG, D. GORMAN, G. COSSMAN, G. HIPPLE, P. BRENNER.
 Row 3: K. HOPBALLE, G. HOLBROOK, R. COUNTRYMAN, J. CLEARY, B. FANE, D. BOOS, H. HORTON, D. COSS, A. BOLTON.
 Row 4: J. JENNINGS, J. GRONBERG, J. JONES, J. HILL, G. ASCHENBRENNER, R. BEEDE, D. BIGGS, P. ARNOULD, R. BRUCE, J. GERDES.
 Row 5: B. CLEDON, A. CHAPMAN, A. BEANBLOSSOM, D. FERGER, M. BENNETT, J. CARLSON, D. DUSING, M. FRIEL, C. BACON, R. GROBE.
 Row 6: B. GERDES, N. HECKMAN, J. HOFF, M. BAKER, M. CURRAN, B. BERRETTINI, L. BALLY, P. BAY, A. BLACKBURN, D. ATTEBURY, D. DRAPER.
 Row 7: G. HILL, M. HOPKINS, C. HILL, M. DULEN, D. DREW, J. DENTON, S. CIBU, D. DEMPFWOLF, D. HARGRAVE, L. DUNNE.

CLASS OF '50

September of 1946! That date should be well-established in the minds of us juniors for that was when we entered high school as frightened and amazed freshmen. After making many new friends, we settled down to the routine of high school life.

We sought outside interests in clubs and organizations; such as, Latin Club, Freshman-Sophomore Literary Society, the Ag Club, the Home Ec Club, and the G.A.A. We'll never forget that empty, shaky feeling when it was announced that we might be called upon to speak or act at one of these meetings.

At our first election of class officers, we elected Bob Leonard, president; Donna Drew, vice-president; and Don Sproul, secretary-treasurer.

The Frosh-Soph football team had a good year, coming through with two wins, two losses, and three ties.

Returning to school in the fall of '47 was a big thrill for us sophomores. By this time, we were thoroughly accustomed to high school and took great pleasure in leading the new freshmen astray (we had been practicing the ways of doing this for years.)

We again elected Bob Leonard, president; Don Sproul, vice-president; and Donna Drew, secretary-treasurer as our class officers.

Occupying our time and minds were studies, sports, clubs, parties, and dates. In both the Music Festival and the spring concert, the

sophomores were represented in band and chorus. With the organization of the new dance band called the "Sophisti-Kats", Lou Hansen, Dave Kirk, Dick Dusing, and Howard Horton helped make our all-school parties even more enjoyable.

The sophomores who won Frosh-Soph D's were Ed Rock, Ray Baker, Don Sproul, Lou Hansen, Richard Grams, Dick Gorman, Bob Egler, Jack Nolan, Ray Flower, John Carlson, and Dean Coss. Sophomores who won varsity letters were Bob Leonard, Ken Naffziger, Don Utter, Brad Nusbaum, Charles Lester, Dick Kelley, George Cossman, Gabriel Santos, and Stirling Stackhouse.

In basketball, Don Utter was placed on the varsity team to gain experience. The sophomores under Mr. Wallace Coon were Don Sproul, Bob Leonard, Ken Naffziger, Jack Nolan, Charles Lester, Dick Kelley, John Carlson, Stirling Stackhouse, Jerry Wakely and George Aschenbrenner.

Jerry Wakely, Dick Kelley, and Jim Reed proved to be valuable in track.

A new freshman-sophomore cheerleading squad was organized. The sophomore members were Ken Hopballe, Mary Dulen and Nancy Schertner. Again this year Anne Beanblossom was a member of the varsity squad.

Juniors! Could anything have meant more to us? We didn't think so, for being upper-classmen meant being recognized and able to

prove our abilities in many more school activities. The junior elections introduced Lou Hansen, Brad Nusbaum, and Conny Saari into the limelight as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

For the homecoming football game Donna Drew won honor as an attendant to the queen. On November 5, the annual all-school party was held. Among features in the evening's program, Don Utter and Don Sproul interpreted the blossoming of flowers by a graceful ballet.

Serving on the March of Dimes committee were Mary Lee Scales, Conny Saari, Jackie Praetz, Betty Berrettini, Ann Chapman, Ruth Lovett, and Joan Hill.

Eligible as juniors for places on the varsity teams, Ken Naffziger, Brad Nusbaum, Dick Dusing, Don Sproul, Bob Richards, George Cossman, Bob Leonard, Don Utter, Stirling Stackhouse, Dick Kelley, Gabriel Santos, and Jerry Wakely carried Dixon's colors on the gridiron.

The girls were equally sports-minded. In G.A.A. officers from our class were Ann Chapman as vice-president and Ruth Lovett as secretary-treasurer.

Participation in clubs, plays and other activities took a large part of our time. Juniors enacting roles in "You Can't Take It With

You" were Anne Beanblossom, Bob Armstrong, Barry Bort, Judy Jones, Jean Kerz, Michael Jones and Gene Holbrook. Janet Gronberg was the student director.

In the next play, "Papa Is All", juniors again carried off stellar parts. Theron Katham, Dorothy Ferger, Janet Gronberg, and Barry Bort portrayed the Aukamp family and Bob Armstrong, Officer Brendle.

With the coming of the second semester, we juniors began thinking of our future on the staff of the *Dixini*. Ten people received positions on the editorial staff, thirty-four served on the reporting staff, eight on the advertising staff, and six on the circulation staff.

Outstanding among the art students this year were Donna Streibich, Dave Kirk, and Barbara Cledon. These students took part in a local art contest. In addition, Barbara won a blue ribbon award at the Scholastic Regional Art Awards contest at Peoria.

The varsity cheerleading staff was made up of two seniors and two juniors. It was the third year of service for Anne Beanblossom and the first year for Bob Armstrong.

Not to be outdone in scholarship, some of the students worthy of recognition are Janet Gronberg, Bob Beede, Elaine Lloyd, Jackie Praetz, Pat Wadsworth, George Cossman, and Joanne Hoff.

Row 1: K. NAFFZIGER, J. NOLAN, J. REED, L. SAWYER, D. UTTER, R. SITTER, D. SPROUL, A. KING, G. SANTOS, R. LEONARD.
Row 2: C. ROUTH, B. NUSBAUM, G. MCWETHY, D. KIRK, M. REYNOLDS, D. PINEGAR, C. LESTER, W. LOHSE, S. STACKHOUSE, O. SCHAEFER, E. ROCK.
Row 3: E. LLOYD, E. KRAFT, R. MISSMAN, P. KERZ, D. KELLEY, G. WAKELEY, M. MILLER, E. MILLER, R. NOLTE, W. POWELL, J. SCHMIDT.
Row 4: W. MEADE, P. MAYES, G. MURPHY, R. LOVETT, R. MILLS, M. MUHLEBACK, B. MAVES, P. KERST, J. KERZ, M. L. SCALES, J. SCHLEUTER, B. NEWMAN, P. WADSWORTH, A. SIEMENS, S. SEAWORTH.
Row 5: V. STURMS, J. STODDARD, D. SWARTS, P. RHODES, M. TYNE, R. SMITH, N. STALEY, N. SCHERTNER, C. SAARI, J. NUSBAUM, J. WEITZEL, J. PRAETZ, D. STREIBICH, C. TAYLOR.
Row 6: P. SINK, M. WERNICK, L. WOLF, M. WOODYATT, V. PLUMB, L. SOFOLLO, A. SCHULTE, J. SMITH, M. A. NIEMEIER, D. OELLIG, K. SHAW, J. WOHRLEY.



Next Year's Upper Classmen

When the doors of the Dixon High School opened to the incoming freshmen last year, many new experiences lay ahead of them.

Instead of the usual heckling of freshmen outside of school, an all-school event initiated the new underclassmen. Before long the class of '51 gained a place of recognition in school life.

When the voting for officers was completed, the freshmen proudly introduced the following people as their representatives: Jim Mercer, president; Floyd Acker, vice-president; Bob Russell, secretary-treasurer.

In the field of sports, football interested quite a few of the fellows. Many of the boys of the class of '51 also participated in basketball. Jim Mercer and Floyd Acker both won varsity letters. Ernest Brink, Chic Mathews, and Kelly Kappler played fine frosh-soph ball. Gilbert Richards, Russell Rhoads, Andrew Near, Dick Norberg, Dick Santos, Danny Heck, Bill Wagner and Fred Zbinden played freshman basketball. As winter gave way to spring, many freshies turned out for spring athletics. Freshman boys out for track were

Fred Gonnerman, Steve Nagy, Dick Santos, Dave Hockman, John Jones, Bob Clark, Bill Lafferty and Andy Near. Frosh boys also took part in tennis, golf and baseball.

The girls showed enthusiastic interest in sports also. Irene Atkinson was a cheerleader for the freshman-sophomore squad and did a fine job.

Near the end of the year, everyone began to do as little work as possible and to dream of summer vacation. The next year the down-trodden freshmen would be proud sophomores. And that they were!

Hygiene and *Man and the Motor Car* took the place of two study halls per week. Mr. Sam Owens and Mr. Lon Scofield took students driving during their free periods so that they might gain actual experience behind the wheel.

Electing class officers proved a difficult job. When the votes were counted, the results were announced as follows: president, Floyd Acker; vice-president, Mary Ellen Rosbrook; secretary-treasurer, Bill Lafferty.

Home-room representatives were Stanley Scholl, Jim Mercer, Bill Wagner, Kelly Kap-

Row 1: D. JENKINS, S. CORNWELL, B. CAMPBELL, H. BEULAH, D. HECK, B. KASTNER, D. EBERLY, J. JONES, D. BUSH, E. BRUCE, D. HOCKMAN.
 Row 2: E. HILL, R. ADAMS, E. BRINK, D. BENNETT, D. HUNT, D. GREENFIELD.
 Row 3: D. DENNY, R. CLARK, D. BOTHE, R. GORAL, W. DREW, L. ADAMS, C. HANSON, P. BAY, J. BUNNELL, W. HUFFORD, W. CRAMER.
 Row 4: R. KNICK, F. ACKER, K. KAPPLER, M. J. GIBSON, C. JONES, D. JOHNSON, L. GROTH, L. FORDHAM, R. BUSH, R. HELMS, F. GONNERMAN, R. GATES.
 Row 5: L. KLOTH, J. FOSTER, P. BECKER, P. COURSEY, P. ANDERSON, D. DUNSETH, D. KIBBLE, P. FLESKES, D. DEETS, C. HURST, L. HOYLE.
 Row 6: J. KURZROCK, K. HOCKMAN, J. BAREIS, A. BOGUE, I. ATKINSON, A. GREENE, B. HECK, E. HUFFMAN, N. ANDREWS, J. HEINDEL, G. BECK.
 Row 7: P. BAKER, J. FRY, R. KRAMER, B. KINN, C. FOSTER, B. JOHNS, L. GILMORE, B. HEATHERINGTON, E. GROBE, J. HOBBS, L. BASTIAN.
 Row 8: E. BRINK, J. KELLY, E. BLACKBURN, E. CONTRERAS, B. DUDMAN, P. HECKMAN, L. HEPPER, J. COLLINS, N. CECCHETTI, S. JAMES, V. COWLEY.





Row 1: R. MOLL, H. MATHEWS, J. MERCER, W. MILLER, R. STULTZ, C. THOMPSON, R. SCHAFER, T. RUTT, I. TOLAND, G. REED
 Row 2: C. RUSSELL, B. LAFFERTY, J. MURPHY, S. SCHOLL, A. NEAR, W. MAVES, R. SANTOS, B. WAGNER, J. SWORM.
 Row 3: E. SHELTON, B. MAJORS, B. LONG, J. RILEY, C. SHERMAN, R. RHODES, W. PALEN, W. SPIELMAN, R. CONCOTELLI.
 Row 4: C. MAGNAFICI, D. MOONEY, C. PARKE, G. LANGAN, H. STAHL, A. MAVES, H. ONLEY, D. RHODES, J. MILLS, H. WIGGING-
 ton.
 Row 5: P. STACEY, S. PINHACK, L. SNEED, M. ROSBROOK, J. POTTER, M. PITZER, B. WORRELL, L. RHODES, J. RYAN, J. OTTINGER,
 B. ZBINDEN.
 Row 6: B. REIGLE, V. SITTER, C. STODDARD, M. SIGEL, N. THURM, G. LINCOLN, D. LONG, M. WARD, G. OGAN, R. WEGNER.
 Row 7: M. MERCER, J. METZEN, B. MARTIN, J. MCCLEARY, R. MARSHALL, C. SLOTHOWER, V. SPOTTS, H. STAHL, M. LEONARD,
 S. NAGY, G. RICHARDS.
 Row 8: M. POOL, C. SPENCER, B. TAYLOR, V. MALSTON, J. NOLAN, F. LAHEY, M. RAPP, P. WARNER.

pler, Darrell Hunt, Carole Stoddard, Frances Lahey, Mary Ellen Rosbrook, Carolyn Foster, Lois Gilmore, Floyd Acker and Janet Bareis.

Many sophomore boys joined the football squad in the fall as the result of continuous interest.

Renie Atkinson and Mary Ellen Rosbrook represented the sophomore class in cheering the team to victory.

In the G.A.A. basketball tournament the sophomores placed second, being beaten by the seniors. Those who played were Mary Ellen Rosbrook, Barbara Heck, Mary Joan Gibson, Renie Atkinson, Peggy Sue Anderson, Pat Baker, Pat Warner, Joan Collins and Bernadine Worrell.

The sophomores were well represented in the Christmas Assembly. Bill Palen, Robert Knicl,

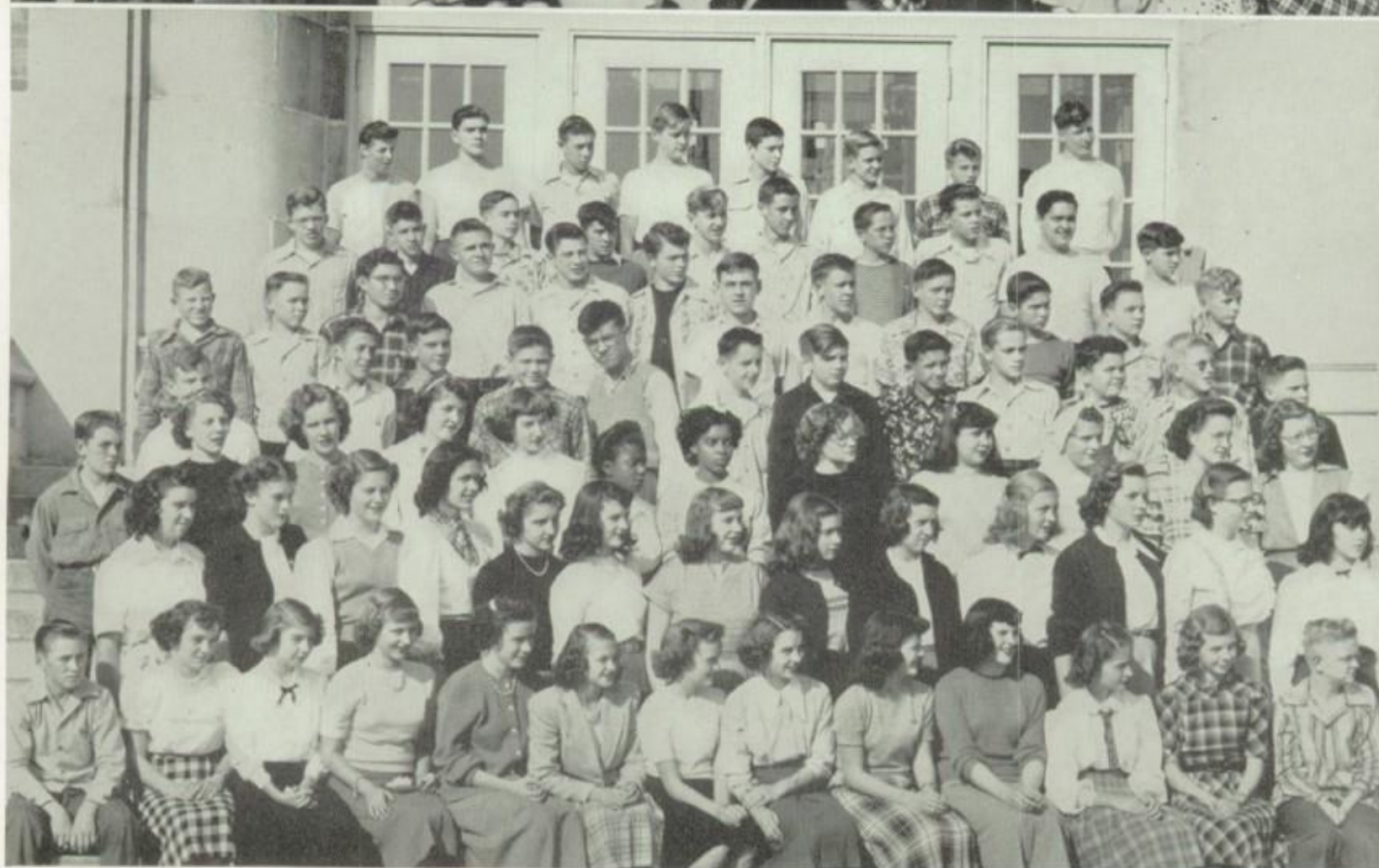
Bob Russell, William Spielman, Paul Bay, Charles Russell, Barbara Heck, Mary Joan Gibson and Bob Campbell took part in the production.

Among those participating in "You Can't Take It With You" were sophomores Carole Slothower and Chic Hurst.

When the basketball season rolled around, Jim Mercer was once again a member of the varsity team where he displayed great ability. There were also many outstanding stars on the frosh-soph team. Among them were Floyd Acker, Bill Lafferty, Kelly Kappler, Ernie Brink, Chic Mathews, Dick Santos, Danny Heck and Wayne Hufford.

Now with the events of the past two years only memories the solid sophomores look forward to the next two years—as upperclassmen.

Row 1: F. DURHAM, J. BURMEISTER, B. HUFFMAN, J. CORNWELL, H. DIXON, F. BRIERTON.
 Row 2: G. GALLENTINE, R. CHAFFIN, D. FRANCIS, W. DOCTOR, F. BAKER, D. BEACH, D. BRUNETTE, W. AKERMAN, R. MARONDE, B. HAWK.
 Row 3: R. FHLUG, T. MURPHY, P. BERRETTINI, W. GIESE, J. BOEDEKER, J. MCCONNAUGHAY, D. HOPKINS, D. HIGGS.
 Row 4: B. MADDEN, D. GARDNER, B. MAGNAFICI, G. CALLOW, R. BOLLMAN, R. HECK, R. COTTER, R. FLESKES, H. HENNING, K. HUCKS
 R. HAGERMAN.
 Row 5: M. AUGHENBAUGH, E. AUGUSTSON, D. MEURER, D. MEYERS, A. HAZELWOOD, N. HOFF, R. BARTON, R. GOWER, K. GABELMAN.
 Row 6: J. FITZSIMMONS, H. ADAMS, E. CARPENTER, M. BUSSE, J. COSS, B. BRESNAHAN, D. MCPHERSON, M. CIBU, J. MCCONNEL, F. COMP-
 TON, S. GARRETT, G. EMERY.
 Row 7: B. GORHAM, P. MAGNAFICI, E. BEARDSLEY, D. BOETCHER, G. BROOKS, M. MILLER, M. METZ, D. HORTON, J. HUYETT, J. FOX, J. HILL.
 Row 8: J. BURGE, L. MCCONNAUGHAY, M. FANE, S. MIDDLETON, V. COOK, M. DORTY, S. EDWARDS, J. MARTIN, S. CANNON, E. HEUMAN,
 M. CLEARY.
 Row 9: K. BRUCE, D. CRAWFORD, T. GLATTER, H. MCKENNEY, M. BEACH, J. MAURER, J. HANSEN, M. BILLETER, S. ASCHENBRENNER,
 J. DUNPHY, J. HILL, L. HOWARD, H. HEATHERINGTON.



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 Row 2: R. SCHROEDER, C. SMITH, L. PANA, G. VAN Natta, E. LOESCHER, J. OTTO, W. WELLS, R. PETTINGER, R. THOMPSON, F. LEWIS.
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 D. WOOLDRIDGE.
 Row 4: F. WALLS, R. NICKLAUS, D. WELTY, A. NEWCOMER, K. SPIELMAN, P. JONES, T. WOLF, D. SLAIN, T. SCHMIDT, J. WEITZEL, C. YOUNT,
 D. LOVETT.
 Row 5: W. WEBB, E. SCHICK, B. KOEPPPELL, J. THOMPSON, H. WISLEY, E. KINNEY, J. LAMPMAN, D. TARTER, G. TROTTER, J.
 WOLF, D. RANSOM.
 Row 6: M. STRUB, M. SKEFFINGTON, E. WARNER, J. LAFFERTY, B. UTTER, M. VAN METER, N. WHITCOMB, S. SCHULER, R. SMITH, N. WOLFE,
 M. PLUMB, N. ROBER, E. NIEVES.
 Row 7: P. LAMBERT, G. SCHENFIELD, B. PITTMAN, M. WHITMER, N. LONG, Z. LEVAN, S. WOOLDRIDGE, F. JOHNSON, N. LEER, C. WAKELY,
 M. REED, C. REYNOLDS, J. SLOTHOWER.

Pages from a Freshman's Diary

September 7, 1948

Today was our first day as freshmen at Dixon High. There are 175 of us, getting acquainted, lost, and adjusted to a new system. We'll learn—the hard way.

October 13, 1948

Freshman Day! It made me feel good to have my own day even though I did have to dress up for the occasion, take an apple to the teacher, drag around a can of corn and carry books for anyone who asked me. But we won the tug-of-war staged on the football field after school, and we had a nice party this evening in the gym.

October 18, 1948

Club activities began today. The freshmen took their place in becoming members of G.A.A., Home Ec Club, Ag Club, Latin Club, freshman chorus and Pep Club. Some were chosen to play with the Sophisti-Kats, and we even had one member pass a try-out as an announcer. (Later he helped broadcast one of the basketball games.)

October 29, 1948

This was the day of our last Frosh-Soph football game. We played Geneseo and won our first victory, with a score of 7-6, for a season's record of one victory, one tie, and four defeats.

November 4, 1948

Today freshman class officers were elected. When the final votes were counted, the president was Carol Wakeley and the vice-president, Al Newcomer. Since there was a tie of votes between June Hansen and William Gorham for secretary-treasurer, it was decided that June be secretary and William, treasurer.

November 12, 1948

Grades were announced today. We ranked second on the honor roll with 19 per cent of our members attaining 4 B's or better for the first quarter.

January 10, 1949

Inauguration Day! Henry Dixon attended the ceremonies at Springfield, Illinois, when his father became Lieutenant-Governor of this state.

January 13, 1949

We finally won a basketball game when we played Amboy. The score was 38-29. So far we've won two and lost seven. Newcomer, Boedecker, Weitzel, Gardner and Welty were the starting five.

The freshman girls are very active in G.A.A. this year. Many of them have joined basketball, volleyball and bowling teams.

January 26, 1949

Freshmen rank second again on the honor roll for the first semester with 29 students receiving grades of A or B.

February 1, 1949

An art contest sponsored by Harrison Motor Sales was won by a freshman! Marilyn Plumb took first prize of \$15 for her sketch of the new 1949 Chevrolet. Mary Ann Reed received honorable mention and \$5.

February 10, 1949

There is a new activity in the gymnasium on Wednesday and Friday noons. Several freshmen, among them Dick Crawford, Darrel Wooldridge and David Hopkins are in charge of volleyball. Gerry Schenfield is helping with table games.

April 29, 1949

Tonight the freshman girls took the boys to their first big dance.

May 15, 1949

Freshmen "daze" will soon be over.

Dear Dairy—I wouldn't tell anyone except you—but it hasn't been so bad being a freshman.

END

Here Are the Alumni

When people are graduated from high school their connection with that school is sometimes soon forgotten. However, whatever they do after they graduate always reflects upon the school. Here is a list of the seniors of last year and what they are doing since they graduated a year ago.

CLASS OF 1948

AS OF JANUARY 4, 1949

<i>Student</i>	<i>Present Status</i>	<i>Name of College</i>
Allicks, Charlotte	Married	
Barrowman, Shirley	College, DeKalb, Ill.	N. I. S. T. C.
Beach, Mavis	Secretary at Wire Mill	
Birch, Peggy	Nurse's Training, Dixon	
Boyd, Beatrice	Employed at Dixon State Hospital in Office	
Bunnell, Irma	Employed in office at Dixon State Hospital	
Busker, Phyllis	Nurse's Training, Rockford	
Curran, Georgia	College	Augustana College
Dietrich, Patricia	Nurse's Training	
Dogwiler, Donna	Illinois Northern Utilities	
Dulen, Jean	College	National College of Education
Freeburg, Bonnie	Dixon National Bank	
Gardner, Joan	Office of Dixon Public Hospital	
Gohring, Anna Marie	Married	
Gordon, Carolyn	Stenographer, Rockford	
Gorham, Pat	Warner's Law Office	
Hanneken, Alberta	College	Katherine Gibbs
Harvey, Joan	Nurse's Training, Dixon	
Hinds, Evelyn	Employed in office of Dixon State Hospital	
Hoban, Theresa	Assisting Doctor, Elgin, Ill.	
Hopkins, Anita	College	Coe College
Howell, Joyce	Beauty Shop Employee, Finished Beauty School	
Hoyle, Janet	College	Mt. St. Clair, Iowa
Jacobs, Leola	Nurse's Training	
Johnson, Shirley	Nurse's Training	
Kelly, Marilyn	Stenographer, Dixon State Hospital	
Kenney, Patricia	College	University of Illinois, Galesburg
Kling, Carol	College	Illinois Wesleyan
Leggett, Patricia	College	St. Anthony's
Liikala, Patricia	College, DeKalb, Ill.	N. I. S. T. C.
Madden, Goldie	Married	
Marlow, John	Shoe Factory	
McReynolds, Dolores	Employed in Rockford	
McWethy, Judith	College	Chicago, Illinois
Meredith, LaWanda	White Top Cab Station	
Miller, Jean	Married	
Miller, Marilyn	College, Urbana	University of Illinois
Moeller, Nancy	College, Urbana	University of Illinois
Peterson, Dolores	Illinois Northern Utilities	
Peterson, Patricia	Purity Mills	
Plumb, Velma	College, DeKalb, Ill.	N. I. S. T. C.
Reisinger, Mavis		
Rosenow, Carletta	Illinois Northern Utilities	
Rubright, Pauline		
Schulte, Eva	Office, Rock Island Transfer	
Shaver, Betty	College	University of Illinois
Sofolo, Mary Ann		
Stover, Alice	Office, J. C. Penny Co.	
Warner, JoAnne	Office of Prince Castle	
Weitzel, JoAnne	Office of Dixon State Hospital	
Willard, Dorothy	College	Western State Teachers' College
Wisner, Doris	Married	
Zbinden, Helen	College	Western State Teachers' College

CLASS OF 1948
AS OF JANUARY 4, 1949

<i>Student</i>	<i>Preent Status</i>	<i>Name of College</i>
Angell, James	College, Galesburg	University of Illinois
Bally, Edward	Farm	
Biggs, Kenneth	Service	
Billeter, Jack	College, DeKalb, Ill.	N. I. S. T. C.
Blackburn, David	Gas Station Attendant	
Boos, Robert	Illinois Northern Utilities	
Brenner, Darrell	College	Illinois College
Brooks, Warren	Farmer—Married	
Brophy, Robert	Farmer	
Cooper, Earl	Office—Cement Plant	
Crawford, David	College	Northfield, Vermont
Deets, Wallace	Receiving Clerk—Woolworth's	
Dennison, Jack	College	Texas
Devine, Robert	Unemployed	
Eckhart, John	Service	
Foster, Jack	College—Married	Huntington College
France, Harold	Service	
Fries, George	College, Galesburg	University of Illinois
Garren, Paul	Service	
Godt, Earl	College	Miami University
Hess, Robert	Service	
Hess, Theodore	College	University of Minnesota
Hill, Kenneth	Farmer	
Hoon, Fred	State Highway Dept.	
Hoover, Herbert	Service	
Horton, Graham	Service	
Jensen, Guy	Brick-layer, works for his father	
John, LaVerne	Building & Contracting with father	
Johnson, Gordon	College	University of Illinois
Karydes, George	College, Galesburg	Knox College
Kelley, John	State Highway Dept.	
Liston, Edward	Service	
Livingston, David	College	Rockford School of Business
Lybarger, Joe	State Hospital Employee	
McPherson, Eugene	Farmer	
Metzler, Edward	Illinois Northern Utilities	
Morris, Robert	Farm & oil station in p.m.	
Muhleback, Joe	Service	
Munson, Loren	Service	
Naffziger, Lyle	Wire Mill, Sterling	
Ortgiesen, Floyd	Raynor Mfg. Company	
Ortgiesen, Maurice	Plowman's	
Plock, Howard	Farmer	
Popma, Dan	Service	
Powers, Robert	Beiers Bakery	
Rees, Donald	Service	
Reinert, Fred	Worman & Worman	
Schafer, Donald	Raynor Manufacturing Co.	
Schertner, Harold	Doesn't have a job at present	
Schmidt, Elwood R.	College, Galesburg	University of Illinois
Sproul, Robert	College, Urbana	University of Illinois
Swegle, Howard	Service	
Utley, John	College	Iowa University
Valve, Victor	Northwestern Railroad Co.	
Vick, Jerry	College, Galesburg	University of Illinois
Wallace, George	Illinois Northern Utilities	
Wells, Sam	Dixon State Hospital—Married	
Wohrley, Henry	Howell's Furnace—Howell and Reis Heating Contractors	

Dropped School during the Year

Berry, Bruce	Working for the Railroad Co.
Sigel, Harry	Service since October 21, 1948
Tucker, Kenneth	Lawton's—Married
Walters, Richard	Married
Como, Arthur	Wahl Clipper Co.—Sterling, Illinois



JUNIORS
Bradley Nusbaum, Conny Saari,
and Lou Hansen



FRESHMEN
Bill Gorham, June Hansen, Carol
Wakeley, Albert Newcomer



SOPHOMORES
Mary Ellen Rosbrook, Bill
Lafferty, Floyd Acker

Class Officers

HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES



B R A I N S



Dixonian Staff



It has been the custom for many years for the Senior Class of Dixon High School to edit a yearbook, or annual. The big job of getting out a yearbook is placed in the laps of a group of seniors making up the Dixonian staff.

This year the staff decided upon a "Forty-Niner" theme since it would be the only chance in a century to use it. They also tried to introduce some new features in the Dixonian, such as an alumni page, snaps around the school, and informal sports pictures. They broke the tradition of a white cover by replacing it with a purple one.

Although these changes do not seem very great, they do add some new interest to this year's Dixonian. It wasn't easy to make improvements and still keep within the budget. The staff hope the student body will appreciate their effort.

The editor, Wayne Thomas, and his assistant, Mary Ann Meeks, were responsible for the general plan for the Dixonian. Their job was to see to it that the photography, layouts,

and articles were in on time and to send them to the printers.

The art work on the cover and division pages was done by Pat Wagner, art editor, and Ken Church.

Jim Gannon, sports editor, was responsible for the layouts and articles in the sports section of the Dixonian.

As business manager, Gordon Bennett had to keep the staff from going overboard with its novel ideas. He had to watch the expenditures and income and keep the Dixonian out of the red—which meant the staff had to discard some of their interesting ideas for the yearbook.

And last, but not least, was Wendell Mathews, who, with his advertising staff, managed to bring in enough ads to finance nearly all of the Dixonian.

To the English teachers, Miss Richardson and Miss Eneroth, who read the articles; the typists and to the reporters—the Dixonian staff owes a great deal for the success of the Dixonian "Forty-Niner."

Magazine Campaign Business



The Dixon High School was again fortunate in presenting the Crowell-Collier magazine campaign on September 29 and the Curtis campaign on October 1.

Six members of the Commercial Department, Helen Acker, chairman; Zoe Ann Baxley, Helen Curran, Dorothy Thompson, Bernice Gerdes, and Doris Hoyle were appointed by Mr. Vernon Bashaw to supervise the campaigns.

With their commissions all high school students had the opportunity to purchase their activity tickets. Full commissions were given to the students to apply on the unpaid balance of their tickets, and a certain per cent of the remaining commission was refunded.

An important task of the staff members was to keep a permanent record of each individual's sales and to calculate the total amount collected from the daily sales of all students. After the staff had spent several hours a day working on the results of the campaign, Miss Glessner in the office double-checked the totals of money and subscriptions and took care of the finances connected with the campaign.

The high salesmen for the first six days received a fountain pen and pencil set. These students were Irene Atkinson, Peggy Sue Anderson, Joan Harden, Tommy Glatter, and Shirley Grobe, who was high salesman two days. The high salesman during both the campaigns was Shirley Grobe, senior, who sold \$118.60 worth of magazines. The home room selling the most magazines per student was Mr. Swan's home room.

November 12 was the great prize winning day! During an assembly that day eleven students' names were drawn from a box containing all salesmen's names. The first ten lucky students received their choice of prizes. The eleventh won the coveted radio-phonograph; this lucky student was John Wohrley, a junior.

The magazine campaigns came to a climax with more than one thousand dollars in commissions for the students participating. The total sales were \$3,223.60, just under the quota of \$3,300.

At the beginning of the second semester every year a change is made in the editorial staff of the *Dixini* when the first semester assistant editors become department heads and juniors are admitted to the staff. Juniors then have their first chance to work on the *Dixini* as assistants, reporters, and staff members.

Marianne Reilly held the position of editor-in-chief during the second semester. Her staff included Bob Armstrong, managing editor; Mickey Jewett, news editor; Anne Beamblossom, assistant news editor; Esther Reynolds, copy editor; Barry Bort, assistant copy editor; Donna Cable, feature editor; Ann Chapman, assistant feature editor; Jim Hinkle, sports editor; Ronald Nolte, assistant sports editor; Mary Lee Scales, news bureau editor; Dorothy Ferger, exchange editor; Jackie Rybick, art editor; Janet Gronberg, assistant art editor; Dorene Slick, advertising manager; Connie Lou Saari, assistant advertising manager; Robert Beede, circulation editor.

The second semester reporters were Jean Kerz, Gladys Murphy, Joan Hill, Joyce Nusbaum, Marie Muhleback, Neva Heckman, Ruth Mills, Pat Wadsworth, Mary Dulen, Jackie Praetz, Rachel Smith, Judy Jones, Dick Kelley, Ronald Nolte, Virginia Plumb, Joanne Hoff, Margaret Curran, Joyce Schlueter, Joan Smith, Dorothy Ferger, Janet Gronberg, Robert Beede, Donna Drew, Jean Jennings, Gene Hill, Gene Holbrook, Ruth Lovett, Donna Striebich, Mary Lee Scales, Peggy Rhodes, Bernice Gerdes.

On the advertising staff were Donna Drew, Jean Jennings, Gene Holbrook, Ruth Lovett, Donna Striebich, Betty Newman, Mildred Baker.

Joyce Schlueter, Ruth Mills, Rachel Smith, Judy Jones, Ruth Lovett, and Virginia Plumb were members of the circulation staff. The typists for the *Dixini* were Jane Austin, Helen Bay, Alice Gabelman, Joe Hicks, Betty McKenney, Glenna Murphy, Marilyn Reed, Pat Scofield, Gloria Slothower, and Dorothy Thompson.



I N I

The 1947-48 students on the *Dixini* staff are feeling rather lonesome and lost now, for they recall all the times spent in Room 203 trying to plan or paste a page. They also remember the cold walks to the *Dixon Evening Telegraph* to proofread their pages and articles. At the time it was hard work, but only the fun lingers on in the memories of the staff.

The first semester Jim Gannon was editor-in-chief of the *Dixini*. It was up to him to keep all the staff members at work and to help them with any problems.

The managing-editor, Jim's chief assistant, was Marianne Reilly.

The news-editor, Mary Ann Meeks, was in charge of all the work done on the front page, and her assistant was Mickey Jewett, who became news editor at the beginning of the second semester.

Don Memler was the copy-editor in charge of page two, and his helper was Esther Reynolds.

Page three or feature page was handled by editor Joanne Cleary and her assistant Donna Cable.

Since the *Dixini* lacked a real sports editor, the page was capably handled by Jim Gannon and the assistant-sports editor, Jim Hinkle.

Any art work or cartoons were drawn by Pat Wagner, the art editor, and her assistant, Jackie Rybick.

The exchange-editor was Marilyn Reed, who took charge of sending the *Dixini* to other schools and in selecting stories to reprint from other school papers.

The advertising-manager was Margaret Ann Sharkey with Dorene Slick as her helper.

Paul Fry was circulation manager and saw that the circulation was carried out promptly.

All pictures in the *Dixini* were taken by the staff photographer, Harrison McDonald.

There was also a loyal group of reporters, typists, and students on the circulation and advertising staffs who helped make the *Dixini* a success.

E D I T O R S





Quill and Scroll

This year marked the third anniversary of the organization of Quill and Scroll in Dixon High School.

Members initiated into the society in 1948-49 included Marianne Reilly, Don Memler, Jim Gannon, Louise Baker, Joanne Cleary, Donna Cable, Pat Wagner, Wayne Thomas, Mickey Jewett, Kenneth Church, Gale Hamre, Marilyn Reed, Glenna Murphy, Esther Reynolds, and Gordon Bennett. Mr. Raymond Gale served as faculty advisor for the group.

The purpose of Quill and Scroll is to encourage and reward individual achievements in journalism and allied fields.

In order to become a member, one must be at least a junior in high school and in the upper third of the class, and he must do superior work in some phase of journalistic or creative endeavor. Also, a candidate for membership must be recommended by the adviser of the governing publication, and approved by the executive secretary of the Quill and Scroll National Organization.

This year Miss Lois Ritchie ably directed the General Assembly Committee. A different committee member planned each assembly.

The first assembly, on Armistice Day, featured talks by students from the social science department and an address by Father Vernon Jones of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Margaret Curran acted as chairman for the Thanksgiving Assembly, at which Reverend Bliss Cartwright of the First Presbyterian Church spoke and several students presented a pageant telling the story of Thanksgiving.

The Choral Department gave the Christmas Assembly, which included sacred songs by the choral groups and a pantomime of Nativity scenes.

The second semester program included a one-act play presented by members of the Dramatic Club, a concert by the Dixon High School Band, and a choral program featuring the choruses under the direction of Miss Norma Golden, the new choral instructor.



General Assembly Committee

Social Committee

The social committee for 1949 was composed of twenty home room representatives and other students who had time to give to the activity of the organization. The group worked under a board of four student directors, instead of one chairman as in previous years. Pat Jones, James Mercer, Jeanne Weitzel, and Mickey Jewitt were chosen for the positions. Mr. Vernon Bashaw, faculty advisor for the committee, agrees that they did excellent work. Other members of the committee included Mary Billeter, Carolyn Foster, Lou Hanson, Pat Wagner, Peggy Sue Anderson, Barbara Heck, Wilson Higgins, Ken Church, Wayne Hummel, Tom Jordan, Jerry Conroy, and Conny Saari. The students who attended the dances and parties during the year are grateful for the committee's untiring efforts.

During December the social committee sponsored dances after the Dixon-Sterling basketball game and the Dixon-Princeton game. The admission to the dances was free, and the music was supplied by the Sophisti-Kats under the direction of Mr. James Riewer. This year brought an innovation to the Sophisti-Kats. They were divided into two groups, giving the members an opportunity to date and dance at every other party.

The committee not only presented after-game parties, but also aided the Lions' Club Halloween party and the N.C.I.C. music festival which was held at Dixon High this year.

After the Rock Falls-Dixon basketball game on January 29, a March of Dimes benefit dance was held in the gymnasium. The Pep Club, the G.A.A. and the social committee jointly sponsored the dance. Both alumni and students attended this dance. David Lahey won the prize of the evening for his slogan, "You give, they'll live."

For the second consecutive year the social committee successfully promoted an early spring dance. On April 1 students from every class and alumni, attended the semi-formal in the Dixon High School gymnasium.

Responsive attendance at the parties gratified the members of the social committee for all the time and effort they had expended for the benefit of the school.



Latin Club was attended this year by about fifty students from the Latin I and II classes. The officers who assisted in preparing for and carrying out the monthly meetings were as follows: John Jones, president; Bill Gorham, vice-president; and Joan Martin, secretary-treasurer.

An outstanding feature of the year which was new to the club members was participation in Christmas caroling. On December twenty-first, twenty-five students sang carols in Latin at the homes of Dixon people. Refreshments awaited the group at the home of Chic Hurst.

At the Christmas meeting, in place of a gift exchange, a contribution of seven dollars was given to the Goodfellows. The meeting centered around the meaning of the shortened form

of Christmas and the explanation of many of the Christmas customs which have come to us from the Romans.

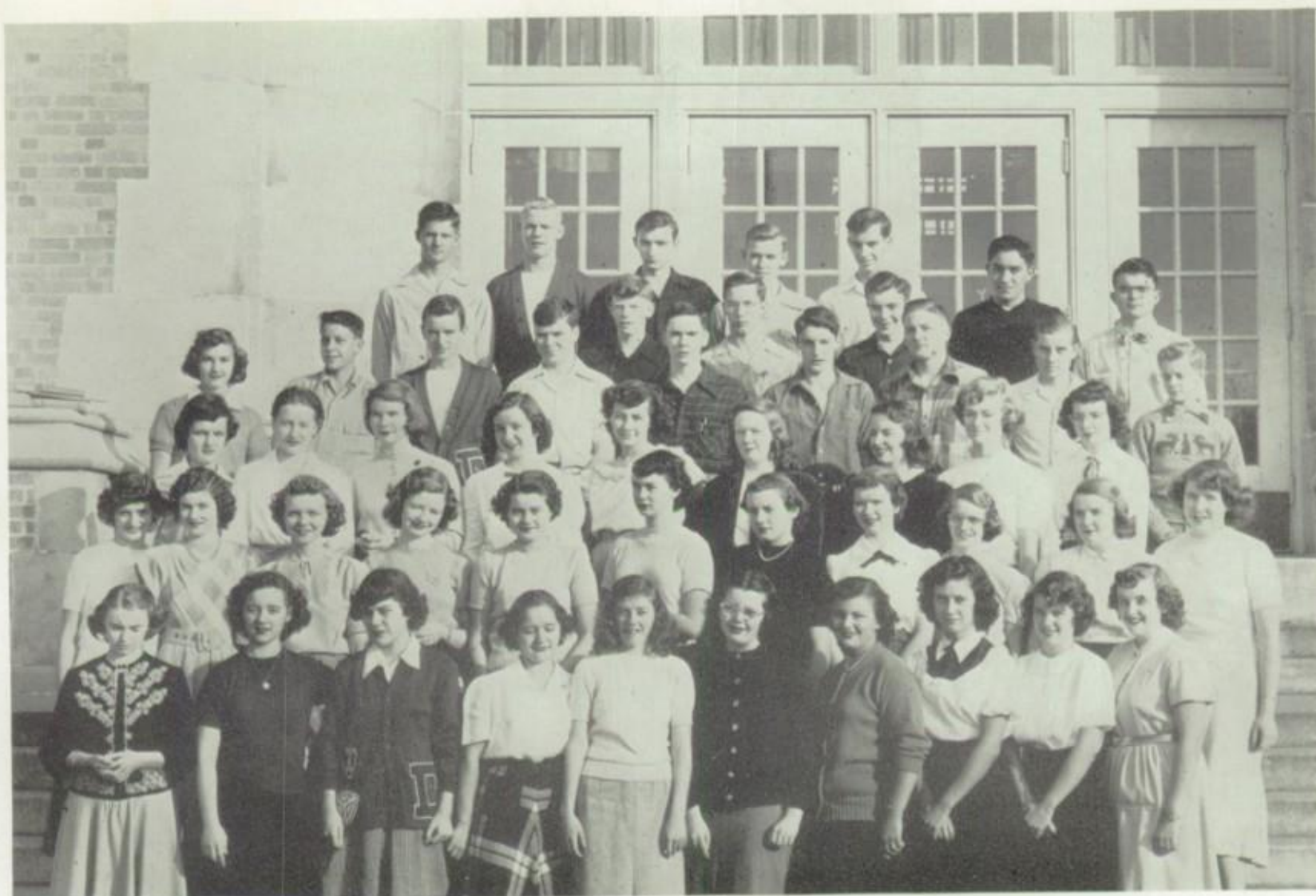
As the semester progressed, the program of several meetings consisted of parodies of Roman myths, one of which was the traditional Roman wedding. Entertainment by talented students was included in the programs for several meetings.

In May, as a climax to their activities, the club held a party. Various games and relays were played, after which dancing was enjoyed.

The Latin Club has been under the capable guidance of Miss Christine Bessmer, Latin instructor. The success of the club is due to her helpful advice and enthusiastic interest.

Romani Hodierni





El Circulo de Espanol

The Spanish Club began its seventh year of existence in '48 under the guidance of Mrs. L. C. Shoaf, club advisor for the last four years. Eligible for membership were students of Spanish I and Spanish II and those students who had been in Spanish Club at least one year but were no longer studying 'El Espanol'.

At the first meeting of the year, October 27, Cristobal (Bob) Armstrong became president; Jose (Stirling) Stackhouse, vice-president; and Marta (Marianne) Reilly, secretary-treasurer.

Notable among the Spanish Club activities was the annual Christmas party—El Tertulio de las Navidad. Preceded by two narrations about the celebration of Christmas in Mexico, several members presented a skit written by

Elena (Joyce) Nusbaum, a Spanish I student. The gay Pinata ceremonies followed. While the group sang the Pinata Song, one member was blindfolded and instructed to strike and break the Pinata. As the Pinata was broken, the gifts showered down upon the members. This party was one of the most enjoyable features of the year.

At subsequent meetings members heard qualified speakers tell about Mexico. To supplement his talk, Mr. Ben T. Shaw showed slides of Mexico and another time Michael Jones loaned slides of Mexico.

To conclude the year's activities in the spring, the club held its annual picnic, a feature always enjoyed by those attending.

D.H.S. Homemakers

Homemaking is the most important career a woman can follow, for it is a career that includes the preparation of food, care and training of children, the budgeting of the yearly income, the selection of clothes, and the complete management and supervision of the home. The task accepted by the Home Economics department is to promote the idea of the importance of better homemakers who have had some experience in leadership.

Some years ago the Home Ec Club was organized to develop an interest in the many various phases of Home Economics. Membership in the club, which is under the direction of Mrs. Cleta Currens and Miss Olive Cotta, is limited to those in the Home Economics classes. Approximately forty members belong to the club, which meets once a month in the cafeteria. Musical selections, playlets and demonstrations by the members themselves, and occasionally, an outside speaker provided the programs for the meetings.

Election of officers at the first meeting placed Darlene Swarts as president; Cheryl Spencer, vice-president; Betty Reigle, secretary; Joyce Potter, treasurer, and Irene Atkinson, sergeant-at-arms.

To raise money for the club, the members sold candy during the noon hours, and Christmas cards and plastic dishes during the year.

At Christmas time the club sent a food basket to a local family. They also sent clothes to a family in Kentucky, in return for which they received evergreen boughs and holly.

The Home Ec. Club is affiliated with the F.H.A. or the Future Homemakers Association, to which it pays state dues.

In February the Home Ec Club and F.F.A. held their annual party, which was greatly enjoyed by members of both organizations.





Book Keepers

"May I take this book home with me tonight?" "Where can I find something about anteaters?" "Who wrote the *Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens*?"—these are just a few of the many questions answered by the "Library Girls" under the competent guidance of Miss Edith Heinle, Dixon High School librarian.

Sophomore, junior, and senior girls may work in the school library. They must have a certain scholastic standing in order to join. The girls have many varied duties, among which are taking library slips to the study halls, returning books to the shelves, and keeping the shelves in good order. Each girl takes care of one section for a month; then she moves to a different one. This is to acquaint the girls better with the library and to distribute the work equally since some sections are more difficult than others. Some of the girls, mostly sophomores, work after school and in the mornings in addition to working during study halls.

The Library Club meets on Wednesdays not used by other clubs, in order to avoid conflicts for the girls. This year the girls have had programs at the meetings. Before this they have always worked. They started the year with a scramble supper at Miss Heinle's apartment. At the ensuing meeting they played games, sang songs, and listened to records. A new record machine was purchased this year with money collected from overdue fines for the past few years.

Glenna Murphy was elected president of the club, and Jean Rogers and Marilyn Reed were chosen to record the minutes of the meetings. Jean did this the third quarter; and Marilyn the fourth.

The members of Library Club this year were Jean Rogers, Lorraine Bally, Betty Dudman, Jackie Kelly, Diane Long, Mary Jo Mercer, Marie Muhlebach, Gladys Murphy, Glenna Murphy, Ruth Mills, Marilyn Reed, and Pat Schofield.



G. A. A.

The year 1948-1949 has been an active year for G.A.A. members. In the fall the athletic field was the scene of flying arrows headed for straw targets as archery brought out "the Robin Hood" in a number of girls from all the classes.

More than one hundred girls indulged in hiking, another active pastime. Two long hikes, one to Lowell Park and one to Reynoldswood, were the highlights of the season.

Volleyball and basketball teams drew many enthusiastic players. The sophomores beat the freshmen, and the seniors won over the juniors.

Interest in bowling increased steadily during the year, so that by the time the season was over, more than fifty girls belonged to the bowling club.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the winter, entertainment was provided for

those who stayed at noons. The G.A.A., together with the Pep Club, sponsored "open house." Both boys and girls came to dance and to play ping pong, shuffleboard, and other games.

For the second year the G.A.A. members promoted the March of Dimes campaign. Marianne Reilly and her committees succeeded in raising \$200 through homeroom contributions and proceeds from the dance. Lucky winner of the best slogan for the drive was David Lahey, who received as prize a two-pound box of candy.

The officers for the year were Jean Rogers, president; Ann Chapman, vice-president; and Ruth Lovett, secretary-treasurer.

To climax a happy year, the annual G.A.A. dance was sponsored on Friday, April 29.

Commercial Club

To promote interest in the business world, to acquaint the students with the necessary qualifications for a business career, and to provide opportunities for contact with the business world not offered in class are the purposes of the Commercial Club. Three commercial teachers, Mrs. Evelyn Arnould, Mr. Vernon Bashaw, and Mr. Paul Hamersmith, supervised the activities of the club.

To become a member, a student must have completed two full year courses of commercial work by the end of his junior year.

At the first meeting the following officers were elected: Chuck Elliott, president; Jim Schmidt, vice-president; Margaret Curran, secretary; and Dave Moore, treasurer.

Programs for the monthly meetings included several speakers. Mr. Tom Lahey, psychologist at the Dixon State Hospital, spoke on the use of psychology in business. The December meeting consisted of a Christmas program, complete with Santa Claus.

In February Doctor Tavenner spoke on what

the public expects of a business man. Later in the year Miss Rose Wittman, who is in charge the office at the Reynolds Wire Company, told the members of the club some of the qualifications necessary for employment in that office. Movies concerning business machines and office work were shown at one of the spring meetings.

Student program committees planned all meetings and arranged for the speakers.

In May the Commercial Club sponsored a field trip to Chicago to visit several large business houses and other interesting places in the city, including the Chicago Board of Trade, Museum of Science and Industry, Marshall Field's, Maxwell Street, the airport, Chinatown, and a radio show. The purposes of this expedition were to give the club members first hand information concerning how large business firms are run and to interest the students in different fields of business.

Organized in 1929, the Commercial Club has done much to help students who plan to continue in the commercial field after graduation.



Band

Look at that handsome policeman over there in his pretty purple uniform. That's no policeman; that's a member of the band!

Although the band members may look like policemen, they don't sound at all like them. Their music is the sparkling half-time interlude at the Duke's home basketball and football games. Their stirring music and well-organized marching maneuvers add much to the Duke's home football games.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the fourth period is the meeting time for the band. It is an elective course giving one-fourth credit toward graduation. The first and foremost aim of the band is to provide musical entertainment for the students of Dixon High School. Any student playing a musical instrument, with the possible exception of the zither, is free to enter the band, whatever may be his state of musical advancement.

Practice for drill formations and organized marching takes up much of the band's time in the spring and fall. The band's talented director, Mr. James Riewer, planned and directed the splendidly timed and executed maneuvers this year.

Dixon High School was the proud host to and one of the participants in the Rock River Music Festival in 1948. Many schools throughout

Northern Illinois were represented in the festival.

As a special feature this year, the band put on two guest concerts, one at Rock Falls and one at Rochelle. These schools reciprocated with programs for the Dixon High School students. After the assemblies, which just preceded the end of the school day, the Dixon band played host to the visitors, entertaining them with dance music played by the famous Sophisti-Kats, and feeding them well with a scramble dinner furnished by the band members. When Dixon High School presented concerts at these schools, they in turn gave the musicians a royal reception. In the future the band hopes to present other school bands in assemblies for the entertainment of the student body of Dixon High School.

The band sponsored or gave several student assemblies this year in addition to those given by the other schools. Mr. Cecil Leeson, famous saxophonist, gave an assembly before the student body and later, during the band period, held a clinic for players of reed instruments. In the spring the band participated in the annual inter-school music contest at Polo.

The band has progressed by leaps and bounds this year and hopes to rise to still greater heights under the able hand of their director, Mr. James Riewer.

SOPHISTI-KATS

Wait! Before you read any further, stop and think back over this past year and try to remember just how many times you saw the phrase "Music by the Sophisti-Kats". If you could remember six or seven times, you may score yourself with an "A"; if you could only think of three or four, give yourself a "C"; and if you could only think of one or none, . . . well . . . you had better just go to the next article.

That phrase "Music by the Sophisti-Kats" was posted many times around Dixon High with notices announcing the after game dances, the March of Dimes Dance, and other special dances and "hops".

The Sophisti-Kats was quite a large organ-

ization this year; there were twenty-three members, excluding "guest stars". This large membership enabled the players to take turns; that is, a portion of the band played one time and another section the next time. This ability to rotate players proved beneficial both to those playing in the band and to those listening to the band. In the first place, it enabled the players to hear what the Sophisti-Kats sounded like; and in the second, it added variety.

As we look back over the dances of this past year, perhaps we might add to that sigh, "Gosh that was a nice dance", this thought, "because of the 'Music by the Sophisti-Kats'."

OUR MAJORETTES

Here's to the only girls who can ignore styles without losing popularity. In fact, short skirts are the by-word of the majorettes.

This year Dixon High School had five baton twirlers—Shirley Dudman, Betty Dudman, Armilla Greene, Joan Harden, and Muriel Hopkins. At try-outs conducted by Mr. James Riewer early last fall Shirley Dudman was selected to act as chief majorette.

Since Mr. Riewer came to our school, a new program has been open to twirlers. Besides the commonplace military routines, he introduced novelties. Such acts are ideal for school assemblies where space is so limited.

This year the band gave concerts at Rock Falls and Rochelle High Schools. The majorettes were featured at these concerts in special numbers. As a result of their performance in Rock Falls the majorettes were invited to perform at the half-time of the Dixon-Rock Falls basketball game at Rock Falls.

However, all is not the glory of the final night. A great deal of hard work goes into preparing and timing a routine. Some girls join the majorettes because they like to twirl, some because they are planning a career in the field of entertainment, some because they want to help promote school spirit. Ordinarily at least two of these motives urge them to accept the work and to believe it to be much smaller than the reward.



Boys' and Girls' Chorus

The Choral Department of the Dixon High School is well known among the students, faculty and the people of Dixon. Two groups not so well known as the Mixed Chorus are the Boys' and Girls' Choruses of the Dixon High School.

The members of the Girls' Chorus are as follows: Peggy Sue Anderson, Janet Bareis, Ann Blackburn, Donna Drew, Mary Dulen, Dorothy Ferger, Pauline Heckman, Charlotte Jones, Joyce Nusbaum, Mary Ann Niemeier, Margaret Pitzer, Vernita Sitter, Cheryl Spencer, Carole Stoddard, Lorraine Wolf and Donna Welty. The pianists for this chorus are Donna Drew and Peggy Sue Anderson. The officers are president, Donna Drew; secretary, Cheryl Spencer; treasurer, Dorothy Ferger; librarian, Carole Stoddard.

This group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the fifth hour. In addition to singing the girls also study music technique and music appreciation.

The Girls' Chorus appeared in the Christmas program and in the spring concert presented in the auditorium.

The Boys' Chorus, which is entirely a volunteer chorus, is not held during school time. It meets for approximately an hour every Tuesday and Thursday after school. The pianist for this chorus is Chic Hurst.

The members of this chorus are Wayne Thomas, Wendell Mathews, Stanley Garrett, Chuck Taylor, John Weitzel, Gordon Bennett, Gale Hamre, Albert King, Dave Kirk, Dick Gorman, Robert Heck, Jim Gannon, Jim Hinkle and Bob Russell.

This group has appeared in several assemblies during the year, in the Christmas program, and in the spring concert.

Both the Girls' and Boys' choruses have done much to add to the success of the choral department.

The double mixed octette was an entirely new choral venture introduced by Miss Enid Erickson. A girls' triple trio and two male quartets made up the group.

In the triple trio Betty Brotherton, Donna Cable, and Louise Baker were the altos; Sue Seaworth, Marianne Reilly, and Donna Drew, the second sopranos; and Donna McCardle, Mickey Jewett, and Joan Dwyre, the sopranos. This triple trio sang in the Christmas choral concert and in assemblies. All the members of the triple trio were active in either mixed chorus or girls' chorus, some of them in both. Louise Baker, Donna Cable and Mary Ann Meeks formed a trio which sang at Rock Falls when the Dixon High School band gave a concert there.

The two boys' quartets made up the male part of the double mixed octette. One quartet consisted of Dave Kirk, tenor; Gordon Ben-

nett, lead; Wayne Thomas, baritone; and Bob Russell, bass. The other quartet was made up of Bill Mahan, tenor; Jim Hinkle, lead; Ronnie Smith, baritone; and Jim Gannon, bass. The first quartet sang in various school activities and had the honor of being in the "Night of Harmony" singing production held at the Dixon Theater in December of 1948. The latter quartet sang at Rock Falls as an added attraction when the band gave a concert. Practically all of the quartet boys were in the mixed chorus; and with the exception of Bill Mahan and Ronnie Smith, all of them sang in boys' chorus.

The whole double mixed octette made a very effective choral group whenever they sang. Perhaps one of the outstanding choral works of the year was the very clever arrangement of "Jingle Bells" sung by the double mixed octette in the Christmas program.

Double Mixed Octette



The Christmas Concert

The Christmas choral production, presented on December 19, 1948, was a sacred event. Dixon High School's choral department, under the direction of Miss Enid Erickson, has been divided into different groups this year, each for a particular type of singing. These distinct groups entertained the Sunday afternoon audience with many old familiar carols as well as Christmas melodies from different countries throughout the world.

The program was as follows:

A Joyous Christmas Song—Norway		Hokanson
Silent Night—Germany		Gruber-Wilson
	Descant—Joan Dwyre	
Carol of The Bells—Ukraine		Leontovick-Wilhousky
Gesu Bambino—Italy		Pietro Yon
	Baritone Solo—Jim Gannon	
As Lately We Watched—Austria		Arranged by Black
	Soprano Solo—Joan Dwyre	
MIXED CHORUS		
O, Holy Night		Adolph Adam
	Donna McCardle	
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear		Willis
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen		Arranged by Ira Wilson
	Boys' Chorus	
Christmas Lullaby		Gabriel
	Soprano Solo—Donna McCardle	
In Excelsis Deo		Arranged by Henninger
Jingle Bells		Arranged by Charles
	Girls' Triple Trio	
Today There Is Ringing		T. Melius Christiansen
When de Star Shine		Noble Cain
	Double Mixed Octette	
Hallelujah Chorus		Handel
	Tenor Solo—David Kirk	
	Accompaniment—Barbara Cledon	

MIXED CHORUS





Drama Club

Under the direction of Miss Harriet McHard, this year the Dramatic Club for the first time presented an opportunity to underclassmen to participate in some of its activities. Sophomores were permitted to have parts in major productions as well as to serve on various committees; formerly, all club activities had been restricted to juniors and seniors.

At the first meeting of the year, the following club officers were elected: president, Gordon Bennett; vice-president, Bob Armstrong; secretary-treasurer, Don Memler.

The club sponsored the production of two major plays. "You Can't Take It With You" on November 13, and "Papa Is All" on February 4.

During the year the club also sponsored two one-act plays: One was for the P. T. A. in March; the other, for a general assembly in April. Both of these plays were student directed.

The programs presented for club meetings this year consisted mainly of short skits and student participation programs. At one meeting a short rehearsal of "Papa Is All" was given.

On December 11 Dixon was host to the N.C.I.C. Dramatic Festival. Each school presented "The Happy Journey" for Mr. Ronald E. Mitchell of the University of Wisconsin,

who judged its interpretation and chose an all-star cast, which gave the play before the public in the evening. From Dixon, Barry Bort and Calvin Bacon were chosen for this cast.

Assisting Miss McHard in the club activities during the year were Miss Olga Eneroth and Miss Charlotte Dethart. Under their supervision the students served on the various crews which are necessary in order to have successful play-acting, make-up, costumes, scenery, properties, and publicity.

This year the Dixon Chapter of the National Thespian Honor Dramatic Society was established. Since this is an honor dramatic society, a prospective member is required to earn ten points in dramatic work, either as a member of a cast or as a member of a crew backstage.

The purposes of this organization is to encourage better dramatic productions and to give incentive to more student participation.

The charter members who were initiated in March are Wayne Thomas, Don Memler, Betty Brotherton, Nadine Wolf, Pat Schofield, Mickey Jewett, Leisel Rosenberg, Anne Beanblossom, Ray Rhodes, Ken Church, Shirley Dudman, Janet Gronberg, Dorothy Ferger, Bob Armstrong, and Barry Bort. Gordon Bennett was a member of Thespians before coming to Dixon High School.

"You Can't Take It With You"

A nineteen member cast took part in the play, "You Can't Take It With You", a three act comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, when the curtain rose before a full house in the auditorium on the evening of November 12. Miss Harriet M. McHard, speech instructor, directed the performance. Janet Gronberg capably assisted as student director.

The hilarious action took place in the Sycamore living room, where each person in the family practiced his particular hobby.

Grandpa (Don Memler), who was eccentric but lovable and kind, held the family together in many an exciting incident. When he had trouble with his income tax, he drove Mr. Henderson (Gene Holbrook) almost insane by explaining why he should not have to pay. Grandpa collected snakes as a hobby.

Penny (Anne Beanblossom), a flighty feather-brained matron, wrote plays because a typewriter had been delivered by accident on the Sycamore door step eight years ago. Her other hobby was painting, which led to an embarrassing moment when the socially prominent New Yorkers, the Kirbys (Jean Kerz and Chic Hurst), arrived unexpectedly for dinner.

The interests of Paul (Gordon Bennett), Penny's husband, included fire works and Trotsky. Mr. DePinna (Barry Bort), a former ice man who had arrived at the Sycamore house five years ago, made fireworks with Paul in the basement.

Tony Kirby (Bob Armstrong) and Alice (Nadine Wolf), Penny's daughter were very much in love. Although Alice did not think she could marry Tony because of her family, everything turned out happily in the end.

Essie (Carole Slothower), an inspiring ballet dancer, constantly practiced her ballet under the direction of Mr. Kolenkov (Bill Mahan), a blustering Russian teacher; Ed (Wayne Thomas), Essie's worthless husband, printed leaflets and menus; and Olga Katrina (Joanne Hoff), a friend of Kolenkovs, called herself the Grand Duchess, even though she was a waitress in Child's Restaurant.

Laughter was brought to the play by Donald (Jim Hinkle) and Rheba (Shirley Dudman), both of whom had poor memories and were slow moving.

Gay Wellington (Judy Jones), a slightly tipsy actress, finally fell asleep on the davenport. As the three G-men (Mike Jones, Ray Rhodes, and Harrison McDonald) were arresting Ed, the fireworks exploded in the basement, adding to the confusion.

Thus the entire play was a series of amusing and unpredictable happenings, enjoyed by audience and players alike.

Committee chairmen included the following: Glenna Murphy and Pat Shofield, properties; Jim Slagle, stage; Jean Rogers and Pat Plumb, costume; Donna Welty, make-up; Mickey Jewett, publicity; Betty Brotherton and LaVonne Jenkins, sound effects.





"Papa Is All"



"Ach, Mama, such food it gives for the Jersey-cow when I turn oncet my back stills". With these blustering words, Papa Aukamp limped into the Aukamp kitchen to open the production, "Papa Is All".

The story of Papa Aukamp and his family was presented by the D. H. S. Dramatic Club on Friday, February 4, in the high school auditorium. The play, written by Patterson Greene, was directed by Miss Harriet McHard and Lee Rosenberg as faculty and student directors, respectively.

The Aukamps, Mennonites living in the heart of the Mennonite region of Pennsylvania, had long suffered the hardships that Papa (Theron Katham) had heaped upon them. With Emma's (Janet Gronberg) falling in love with a surveyor came the first hint of rebellion against Papa. With the help of Mama (Dorothy Ferger) and her brother (Barry Bort), who the neighbors thought was "crazy in the head", one night Emma left the house to go to a movie with the surveyor.

Mrs. Yoder (Shirley Dudman), a nosy neighbor, saw Emma and the surveyor at the show

and accidentally let the secret slip out in Papa's presence. Papa became infuriated and swore to kill the man. On the way to the surveyor's camp, Jake knocked father unconscious and put him on a freight train headed west. He drove the car on the train tracks, where it was demolished by a streamliner. Jake returned home with a story that Papa had been killed in the wreck.

All went fine for a time. The family no longer had to fear Papa's wrath. Then Papa returned, saying that he had killed the surveyor. Officer Brendle (Bob Armstrong), on the scene to investigate Papa's disappearance, revealed that Papa had not harmed Emma's fiance, but had made a mistake and had shot the wrong man. As Brendle left with Papa to take him to jail, Emma's fiance drove up.

Crews and committee chairmen for the production were as follows: Peggy Rhodes and Ruth Lovett, properties; Wendell Mathews, business; Ruth Mills and Pat Plumb, publicity; Jackie Praetz, make-up; Judy Jones, costumes; Conny Saari, house; and Betty Brotherton, stage.



F. F. A.

A strong and active club composed of vocational agriculture students is the Dixon chapter of Future Farmers of America, more commonly known as the F.F.A. This organization has as its aim the development of rural leadership and the making of better rural communities.

Although the membership of the Dixon chapter was slightly below the level of past years, an excellent record was produced by the earnest group. Serving as first semester officers were president, Herman Alber; vice-president, Wayne Bowers; secretary, Glenn Ransom; treasurer, Don Pinegar; reporter, Ed Hoyle; and sentinel, Bradley Nusbaum. Second semester officers were president, Glenn Ransom; vice-president, Wayne Bowers; secretary Fred Gonneman; treasurer, Joe Hicks; reporter, Herman Alber; and sentinel, Bradley Nusbaum. These officers directed the club's activities under the guidance of the agriculture instructor, Mr. George Reed.

To qualify for membership, each student must carry a project program. From these projects, usually livestock or crop enterprises, the student learns from actual experience the basic farm practices. A test of the success which has been attained with the projects is

determined at the local F.F.A. fair and stock show.

The athletic program of the club features baseball in the spring and fall, and basketball in the winter. Social activities include a party with the Home Ec girls and a Father and Son Banquet.

One portion of the club's program which is steadily increasing in popularity among the boys, is livestock and crop judging work. Teams are selected and coached by Mr. Reed. These teams, after much preparation, go to the University of Illinois to represent the chapter at the state F.F.A. judging contest.

Another feature of the giant program which excites enthusiasm is the trip to the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. The hundreds of cattle, swine, sheep, grain, hay, and meat receive much attention from the group.

The activity that is probably the most popular is the pest contest. The contest, held between two teams chosen by volunteer captains, results in the extermination of thousands of farm pests. All destroyed pests are recorded according to a point system, and the team finishing first with the highest score is treated to a picnic by the losers.

B R A W N





Front Row (l. to r.): F. NAGY, R. RICHARDS, E. ROCK, L. SMALLWOOD, E. ASHFORD, K. HOPBALLE, L. CONTRERAS, P. KERZ, D. LAHEY.
 Second Row: M. MILLER (Manager), J. PHELPS, K. NAFFZIGER, D. UTTER, R. LEONARD, B. NUSBAUM, R. KELLEY, G. SANTOS, K. CHURCH, S. CHRIST, H. MATTHEWS (Manager).
 Third Row: L. SCOFIELD (assistant coach), J. SLAGLE, G. COSSMAN, E. KRAFT, R. EGLER, D. SPROUL, J. NOLAN, J. PIESCHEL, F. ACKER, G. WAKELEY, S. OWENS (coach).
 Fourth Row: ART BOWERS (athletic director), E. HOYLE, R. FLOWER, D. WOLF, R. DUSING, C. ELLIOTT, E. BRINK, S. STACKHOUSE, T. FISH

Varsity Football

On the opening night the Dukes played Lyons on the football field at Clinton, Iowa. Halfback Dave Lahey hit paydirt in the third and again in the fourth period of the game. In the second canto, halfback Dave Lahey made the first score. Dixon's defense had the Lyons' boys bottled up at the end of the game. Dixon had scored a smashing victory of 18-0.

On September 17, the Dukes played their homecoming game against Sycamore. Pat Wagner was elected to reign as queen of the game. Esther Reynolds and Donna Drew were her attendants. The Dukes highlighted their Homecoming game by scoring another football victory. They beat Sycamore 13-7. Stan Fish, Jerry Wakeley, Dave Lahey, and other backs made long runs. Dave Lahey put Dixon in command near the close of the first stanza by picking his way for 30 yards through a swarm of Sycamore tacklers. Ken Naffziger tried for the extra point but his place kick was blocked.

The next game, the Dukes faced Amboy. Midway through the second period Lowell Smallwood battered through the line to make the first and only TD. The place kick was good, making the score 7-0. Amboy came right

back with a TD, making the score 7 up. The tie score remained the rest of the game.

On October 1, Hall handed the Dukes their first loss, 7-0. Fullback Levan of Hall made the only touchdown in the game. Hall burned up 166 yards of ground against Dixon's 66.

In the next game Sterling gave Dixon one of the worst defeats it had ever had in the long Dixon-Sterling gridiron series. The Warriors beat the Dukes 26-0. End Lorenzo Contreras and tackle Don Utter smashed Sterling's plays three times in succession when they were almost to the Dukes' goal line.

On October 15, DeKalb beat the Dukes 27-6. In the fourth quarter Bob Richards tossed a pass to Dave Lahey, registering the only Dixon TD. Jim Phelps attempted the extra point but the kick was blocked. Ottawa chalked up the fourth defeat for Dixon by a score of 18-6. The Dukes' six points came when quarterback Dick Kelley ran an 80-yard kick-off return through all of Ottawa's players.

Dixon played its final game at Geneseo. Geneseo piled up a 26-0 victory over the Dukes. The closest the Dukes came to the end zone territory was on a 20-yard pass—lateral play involving Bob Richards, Lorenzo Contreras and Dave Lahey. It was halted on Geneseo's 21.



SENIOR DUKES

*Front Row (l. to r.): J. PHELPS, E. HOYLE, D. WOLF, K. CHURCH, S. CHRIST, J. PIESCHEL, L. CONTRERAS.
Second Row: C. ELLIOTT, D. LAHEY, L. SMALLWOOD, E. ASHFORD, F. NAGY, T. FISH, J. SLAGLE.*



JUNIOR DUKES

*Front Row (l. to r.): R. EGLER, K. NAFFZIGER, D. UTTER, B. NUSBAUM, S. STACKHOUSE, R. LEONARD, G. COSSMAN, D. SPROUL, J. NOLAN.
Second Row: E. KRAFT, R. KELLEY, E. ROCK, K. HOPBALLE.
Third Row: R. DUSING, R. RICHARDS, R. SANTOS, P. KERZ, G. WAKELEY, E. BRINK, R. FLOWER.*



FROSH-SOPHS

Front Row (l. t. r.): L. HANSEN (manager), G. RICHARDS, R. BRUNETTE, G. KASTNER, D. MOONEY, J. QUINN, C. PARKE, R. WALLS, W. LAFFERTY, R. RUSSELL, M. RICHARDS (manager).
Second Row: L. SWAN (coach), S. NAGY, J. JONES, D. SWARTS, R. SANTOS, R. CLARK, W. HUFFARD, D. HOCKMAN, K. KAPPLER, P. BERRETTINI.
Third Row: G. MAGNAFICI, L. KLOTH, W. ACKERMAN, D. HECK, D. BENNETT, P. KERNAN, R. HELMS.

Frosh-Soph Football

The Frosh-Soph football team swung into action on September 17, with an unimpressive 0-0 tie against the lightweight team from Sycamore, Illinois. This was the lightweight's first game and nothing much was expected of them. In spots they looked fairly well; as an all-round team they were mostly weak. One bright spot occurred in the second half when they advanced to the opponent's 8 yard line only to have the game end before they could get another play going.

The following week, with no regular game scheduled, they played a group of varsity reserves as the preliminary game to the varsity Dixon-Amboy game. The score ended 18-0 in favor of the underclassmen, as Dick Santos, Bill Lafferty, and Gene Magnafici scored the three T.D.'s.

The next Friday, October 1, the team started in conference play against the Hall Reds, losing 18-0 in a reverse score of the week before. Hall's hard driving fullback, Jim Troglio, proved too much for the Duklings as he forced

his way to two touchdowns. He was just as impressive on defense. Their unusually large line held the Dukes to a net total gain of 65 yards.

Returning to their home field for a tilt with Sterling's Golden Warriors, the Duklings appeared quite impressive while losing a tight battle all the way, 7-6. Little Phil Kernan scored Dixon's touchdown midway in the fourth quarter, with an end run down the sidelines unmolested for 29 yards. After trailing the Warriors for the first half, the pepped-up Dukes were in Sterling territory the entire second half. Santos to Lafferty passes and Danny Heck's 11 yard plunge to the one yard line were highlights of the thrill-packed fourth quarter.

DeKalb's Barbs came to town the following Friday and edged the underclassmen 14-13 for their second consecutive one-point loss. With a few minutes left in the first half, Dick Santos plunged over the goal line, saving the Duklings from being scoreless the first half.

PEP COMMITTEE



CHEERLEADERS



Front Row (l. to r.): S. CHRIST, R. KELLEY.
 Second Row: C. ELLIOTT, J. PIESCHEL, C. ANDERSON, T. FISH, J. PHELPS, J. MERCER.
 Third Row: L. SCOFIELD (coach), L. SMALLWOOD, D. SPROUL, D. LAHEY, V. BAKER, A. BOWERS (athletic director).
 Fourth Row: J. NOLAN, R. LEONARD, D. UTTER, R. SITTER.

Varsity Basketball

The Dukes opened the 1948-49 cage season by dropping a close decision to Clinton, Iowa, 36-35, in the final 27 seconds of play. Two nights later, November 27, Freeport spoiled the Duke home opener with a 42 to 32 victory.

On December 4 the Dukes lost to a strong West Rockford aggregation, 79 to 32, but came very close to upsetting the dope the following Friday against Sterling. The Golden Warriors finally won out 46 to 44 after a hectic battle.

The Dukes ended their four game losing streak on December 17 by whipping Princeton, 50 to 43, in the local's first NCIC contest.

At the Normal Holiday Tourney, the Dukes dropped two games. Bloomington edged the Purple and White, 46 to 41, and Lincoln won the next evening, 54 to 47, in consolation play.

Sterling blistered the Dukes on January 7 to the score of 66 to 41, and the Dukes lost to Amboy the next night in a double overtime, 50 to 48. Jim Mercer dropped in 20 points in the Amboy fracas.

Chuck Elliot and Jim Mercer teamed up to bring the Dukes their second win of the season in an NCIC affair. Geneseo was the victim, 64 to 38. The following night Kenosha, Wisconsin, succumbed to locals attack by the score of 42 to 35.

The Dukes won their third conference game on January 22 by handing an aggressive Hall

Township five a 40 to 33 setback but were brutally beaten at Rock Island the next evening, 49 to 18.

Ottawa withstood a late Duke rally to hang up an NCIC win, 49 to 47. Jim Phelps was high scorer with 20 points. The Dukes came back the next night by whipping Rock Falls, 46 to 36, as Mercer rang up 20 points for the locals.

DeKalb walloped the Dukes on February 5 in an NCIC contest, 46 to 23. The Dukes gained their fourth conference win the following week by downing Mendota, 42 to 34.

Amboy whipped the locals on Saturday night, February 12, at Amboy, 65 to 36, and lost again at Polo, 48 to 44.

Returning to NCIC play, the Dukes easily stopped Rock Falls for their fifth conference win, 55 to 44. Rochelle fell before the locals the following Friday, February 25, in the final game on the schedule. An overtime 40 to 39 victory gave the Dukes their sixth conference win against three setbacks and third place in NCIC play.

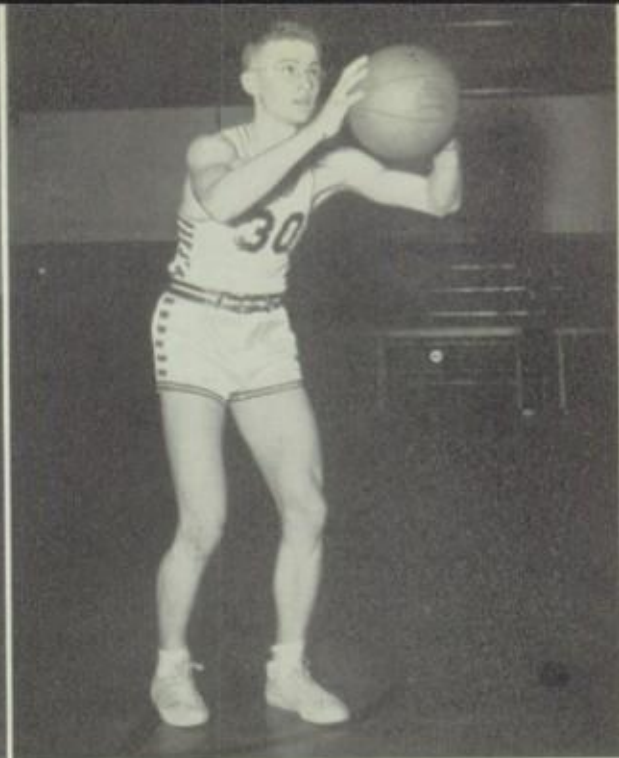
Entering the Sterling Regional, the Dukes stopped Prophetstown, 56 to 48, and easily whipped Stewart in the semi-finals, 62 to 41. In the championship fracas, on March 5, the Dukes lost to their old rival, Sterling Township 75 to 49.



LAHEY



PIESCHEL



PHELPS

SENIOR CAGERS



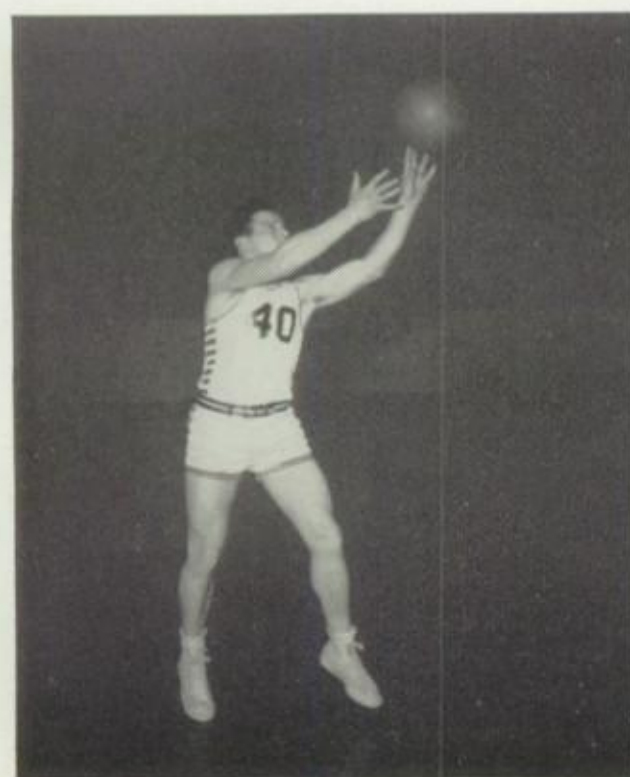
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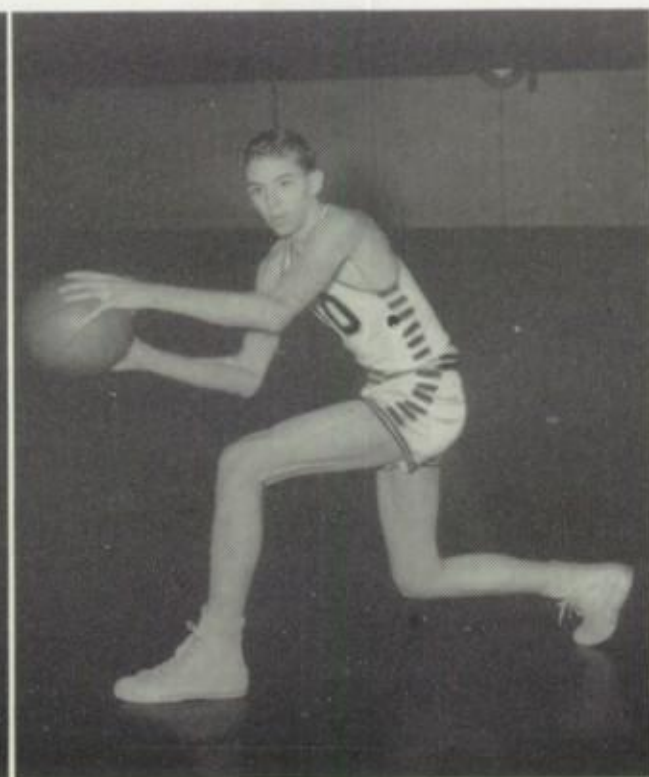
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 Third Row: R. SANTOS, I. TOLAND, S. SCHOLL, W. HUFFARD, R. MARONDE.

Frosh-Soph Basketball

The Frosh-Soph team opened the season at Clinton, November 24, 1948. They won eleven games but dropped seven during the campaign under their new coach, Lloyd Swan.

In their opening game against Clinton, the Dukelings were defeated 53-39.

Two nights later they were defeated 52-34 by a Freeport team which completed the season undefeated.

On December 3, West Rockford won over Dixon 54-37, despite "Chick" Mathews' ten point effort.

One week later Sterling defeated Dixon 49-27. Floyd Acker paced the team with seventeen points.

Dixon opened the conference season against Princeton on December 17 but lost 26-24.

On January 7, the Dukelings dropped their sixth in a row at Sterling, 38-31. Dixon returned home the following night to annex their first victory, a 37-29 conquest over Amboy.

The Frosh-Sophs took their first conference win on January 14, by defeating Geneseo 25-17. The boys defeated Kenosha the next night 36-29. Floyd Acker and Phil Kernan combined for 29 points.

The next week Dixon took successive victories over Hall Township, Ottawa, and Rock Falls. Hall Township fell 28-21. Ottawa was defeated only after a second half rally 35-25. Rock Falls proved an easy mark for the up and coming Frosh-Sophs. Acker again led with eleven points out of the total 38-25.

On February 4, the Dukelings clipped the DeKalb Barbs 33-26. Kernan tallied thirteen points. The very next evening Dixon journeyed to Amboy and conquered the Irish with ease, 40-17.

Several nights later, Dixon ran up their victory string to ten in a row by blasting Polo's Marcos 54-23. The following night, however, Rock Falls ended that chain of victories by rallying to clip the Dukes by a 34-32 score.

One week later the Frosh-Sophs ended their season by defeating Rochelle 46-28.

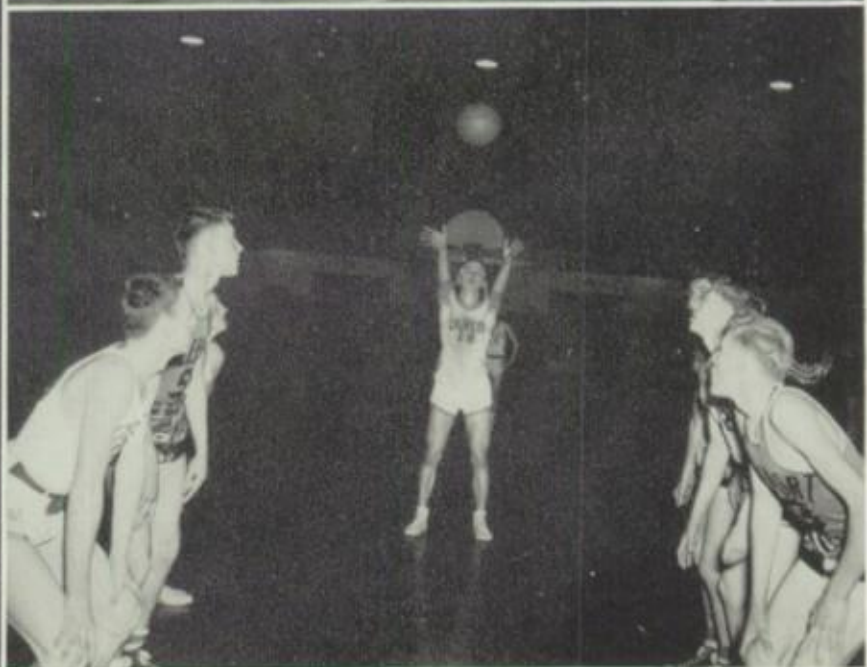
During the 1948-49 season Floyd Acker led the team in scoring with 163 points. Phil Kernan and Harold Mathews followed with 136 and 105 points respectively.



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'48 Track

March 15, 1948 saw the Duke trackmen once again turning out in the armory gymnasium to begin workouts. The cindermen were 64 strong with Ted Fish, Gene Dusing, Ken Church, Delmar Wolf, John Kelley, Ed Ashford, and Frank Nagy among others from the 1947 squad.

On April 20 the first track meet of the season was held at Polo with Polo, Oregon, and Dixon competing.

Dixon and Oregon finished in a 51 to 51 deadlock, while Polo had 31 points.

Ed Hoyle flashed his winning form by taking first in the mile and the half-mile; Don Utter captured the high hurdles; Ted Fish was top notch in the broad jump; and Ken Church took the pole vault.

Dixon would have won the meet had it not been for Oregon's gaining a first place in the relay, thus gathering in two vital points and enough to tie the score.

The Princeton Tigers clipped the Dixon Dukes, 61 $\frac{1}{3}$ to 51 $\frac{2}{3}$, in the dual meet at Princeton on April 22. The Dukes claimed four firsts as Don Utter swept over the high hurdles; Ed Hoyle surged ahead in the mile to finish first;

Dave Lahey carried off top broadjump honors; and Ted Fish and Dave Lahey tied for first place in the high jump.

On April 29, the Purple and White thinclads won 70 to 43 to crowd the Rock Falls Rockets out of a first place title. The Dukes garnered two "grand slams" by capturing a first, second and third place in the 440 and the high jump. In the 440 John Kelly placed first, Ken Church got second, and Tom Jordan brought in third. In the highjump Ted Fish took first, Ed Ashford second, and Dave Lahey tied for third.

The Dukes totaled eight first place berths, and a first in the 880-yard relay with a time of 1:39.3.

A group of ten Dixon athletes traveled to the Rockford Relays on May 1 to compete against other trackmen from 15 or more schools. Those who made the trip were

Jerry Wakeley, Stan Fish, Stirling Stackhouse, Don Utter, Ken Naffziger, Ed Hoyle, Ken Church, Ed Ashford, Delmar Wolf, and Dave Lahey.

Madison West (Wisconsin) grounded 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to cinch first place. Janesville (Wisconsin) was second, followed by East Rockford, West Rockford, Hononagah, Byron, Pecatonica, Stillman Valley, Harlem, and Dixon respectively.

On May 8, fifteen Duke thinclads ventured forth to Rockford to compete in the District trackmeet. Dixon placed 14th at Rockford with Dave Lahey tying for third in the broadjump, and Ed Hoyle roping fifth in the mile run.

In the NCIC Frosh-Soph meet eight records were smashed as Hall Township's Frosh-Soph track squad walked away with a first place title at Mendota on May 22.

Dixon won a tie for sixth place with DeKalb. Jerry Wakeley placed fifth in the century and third in the 220, while Jim Reed collected a third place in the 880.

Mendota's Trojans amassed 72 points on May 25 to outdistance the Dukes by 31 points

and take first in a dual trackmeet at Mendota.

Ed Hoyle, Don Utter, Jim Reed, and Ed Ashford shone brightly for Dixon as they brought in a first in the mile, first in the shot put, first in the half-mile and first in the high jump respectively.

In the 12th North Central Illinois Conference trackmeet held in Sterling on May 29, Sterling trampled down all contenders in its victory.

Mendota was runnerup; DeKalb followed; then Rochelle, Princeton, Hall Township, Rock Falls, Dixon, Ottawa, and Geneseo trailed in respective order.

Ed Hoyle ran the mile in 4:43.7 to nose out Don Smith of Rock Falls. In a tie with two other contenders Ed Ashford won second place honors in the high jump. Dave Lahey captured a tie for fifth place in the broad jump.

1948 SCHEDULE

April 20	Polo, Oregon
April 22	Princeton
April 29	Rock Falls
May 1	Rockford Relays
May 4	Rochelle
May 6	Oregon, Mt. Morris
May 8	District Meet at Rockford
May 14-15	State finals (Champaign)
May 18	Sterling
May 19	Sterling Frosh-Sophs
May 22	NCIC Frosh-Soph meet at Sterling
May 25	Mendota
May 29	NCIC Finals at Sterling

'48 Tennis

The 1947-1948 Dixon tennis team started at a disadvantage when it lost the first game of the season to East Rockford 10-0. In the singles matches the two seniors and experienced net men, Elwood Schmidt and Jim Angell, were defeated 6-3, 6-3 and 6-4, 7-5 respectively. Jack Nolan, Bob Russell, Chuck Elliot, Bill Wagner, and Floyd Acker also played. The doubles combinations included Angell and Schmidt, Acker and Russell, and Elliott and Wagner.

On April 26, however, the netters won from Sterling 4-3. Acker and Schmidt decided the meet by winning the doubles pairing 6-2, 6-1. In the singles games Acker, David Livingston, and Wagner defeated their Sterling rivals while Schmidt, Russell, and Gordon Johnson lost.

Rochelle put a damper on the Dixon racket handlers almost immediately. In the doubles Acker and Schmidt won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; but Wagner and Russell were defeated 6-2, 6-2. Although two singles matches were taken by Schmidt and Russell, three of the pairings went to Rochelle when Acker, Livingston, and Wagner were defeated.

Dixon was represented at the district meet at East Rockford by one doubles team made up of Floyd Acker and Elwood Schmidt. These

netters took a fourth place tie with Belvidere. Acker and Schmidt defeated the Freeport pair 6-4, 6-0; but lost to East Rockford 6-1, 6-3.

In the next two meets, one with East Rockford and a return game with Rochelle, the Dixon net men were conquered. East Rockford handed Dixon a 7-0 loss. The score stood 6-1 in favor of Rochelle, at the close of the return meet.

Dixon won 7-2 in the second encounter with Sterling. The singles duels finished with the local net men winning five out of six. In the doubles event Schmidt and Livingston won 6-3, 8-6; Acker and Russell, 6-0, 6-2. Leroy Kloth and Ronald Rumpf, coming out late in the season, lost a doubles match 6-3, 6-3.

The next tennis matches spelled total defeat since Dixon lost 7-0. Singles men included Acker, Schmidt, Livingston, Russell, and John Heindel, the last of whom joined the team close to the end of the season. Doubles netters were Schmidt and Acker, and Kloth and Rumpf.

At the close of the tennis season the five boys who were awarded letters were Elwood Schmidt, Bob Russell, David Livingston, Floyd Acker, and Bill Wagner.

'48 Golf

Becoming more and more a popular sport, golf may become a major sport in the next few years. Since more enthusiasm is being shown, the Dukes had more games scheduled this year than before. The five home games were played at the Dixon Country Club, a fairly long, rolling, 9-hole course.

With a ten game schedule the Duke golfers were kept quite busy, under the assistance of Mr. L. E. Sharp. Of these ten games the Dukes won two and lost eight. Dixon defeated Sterling 12-2 and 8-4, for the two wins of the season. Scores for the first meet with Sterling were good since the boys had had only one week's practice. Sproul shot 43, Hoyle 48, Buchner 49, Kelley 52, Hansen 54, Kerz 56, Lohse 74.

Once on April 23 and again on May 12, Dixon lost to a superior Princeton team. The April contest was dropped 7-1 while the Dukes suffered a 12½-21½ loss when they again played in May. First meet statistics rated Buchner 46, Sproul 48, Hoyle 51, Kelley 51; second meet, Sproul 93, Kelley 100, Norberg 112, Hoyle 85.

The Duke golfers met Rochelle at their course. Rochelle blanked Dixon 10-0. Sproul 45, Hoyle 47, Buchner 50, Norberg 56, Kelley 58.

The Kishwaukee Country Club at DeKalb proved to be too tough for the Dixon boys, for on May 3 they lost the meet to DeKalb by a 13-2 score. On May 20 when DeKalb played here, the Dukes lost. Scores were as follows: Norberg 55-59, Hoyle 49-47-95, Kelley 58-49-101, Sproul 48-54-92, Kerz 104 and Lohse 107.

Due to trouble in scheduling, the Dukes met Oregon only once, May 17. At this match on the home course, the Dixon Country Club, Oregon defeated Dixon 6-2. The following scores were turned in: Hoyle 47, Sproul 50, Kerz 49, Kelley 55.

The District golf meet was held in Rockford, May 8, at the Sandy Hollow Golf Club. The schools in the meet consisted of East Rockford, West Rockford, DeKalb, Freeport, Rochelle, Shannon, and Dixon. Dixon was represented by Frank Hoyle, with a score of 91, Bob Sproul with 93, and Dick Kelley with 96.



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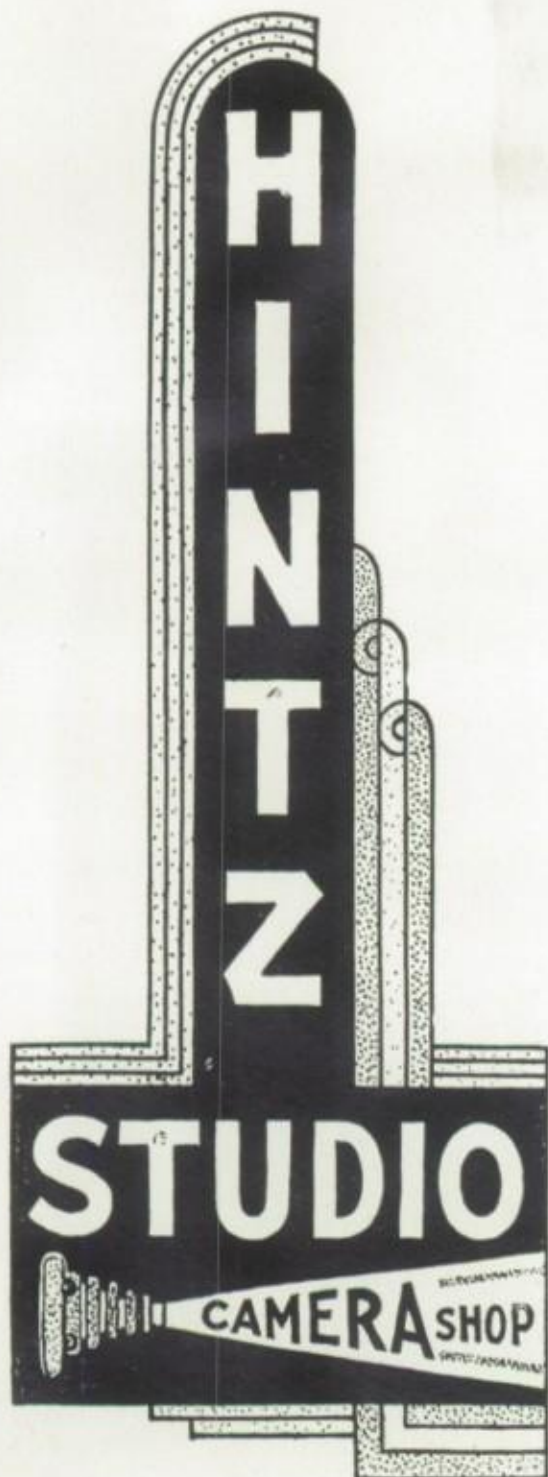
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